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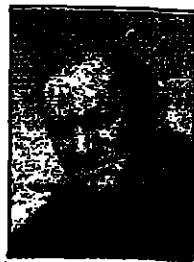
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Haifa makes soccer history

SV Ried's Michael Anicic, right, tries to force his way past Maccabi Haifa's Guy Melamed last night at Haifa's Kiryat Eliezer Stadium. Haifa became the first Israeli side to qualify for the quarter finals of a European club tournament, when they beat SV Ried of Austria 4-1 - 5-3 on aggregate - in the second round of the European Cup-Winners' Cup. Report, Page 24.

(Reuters)

PM suggests cabinet delay Wye approval

Netanyahu wants Arafat to promise PNC vote

By DANNA HARMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu suggested to the cabinet yesterday that the ratification of the Wye agreement be put on hold, a top official in the Prime Minister's Office said.

According to the official, Netanyahu said that the cabinet should wait until Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat assures the government

after 11 p.m., is due to resume at 9 a.m. today. A vote to ratify the agreement is expected either today or on Sunday.

Netanyahu presented the cabinet with the maps of the proposed 13 percent withdrawal. They show that 18 settlements will soon find themselves isolated, each at an approximate distance of half a kilometer from fully controlled Palestinian areas.

According to Aharon Domb, of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, the settlements which will be affected are:

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- Otzmit
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- Sa-nor
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- Telem
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- Katzir
- Mevo Dotan
- Shavei Shomron.

The first withdrawal is scheduled in less than two weeks from now, and the entire process is to be completed within 12 weeks.

Netanyahu told the cabinet that the maps had been drawn up by

the most professional bodies, and examined in over 4000 computer simulations. Nonetheless, he suggested that a ministerial committee examine the maps in the coming days, confer with "experts and settler representatives," and present findings and suggestions. The committee will be allowed to make "justified changes" in the proposed map if it finds there is a need to do so, he said.

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan, an outspoken opponent of the Wye agreement who was asked to sit on the committee, told Netanyahu he refused to participate. "I cannot be bribed," he said.

Other ministers to sit on the committee are Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, and Education Minister Yitzhak Levy.

Mordechai encouraged the cabinet to ratify the agreement and to begin looking forward to the final-status talks. "We are still in the prologue," said Mordechai. "I don't want to rule over 2 million Palestinians, and the question now is, where will the final line of compromise lie; where will we be able to cooperate?"

Sharon, originally an outspoken critic of the redeployment, indicated yesterday that he might vote for the agreement. In a series of TV interviews, Sharon defended the agreement and tried

to soften the right-wing's mounting opposition to it.

"We want to attempt to reach peace, but not at any price. We are willing to take minimal risks and to minimize the risks we fought hard at Wye to make sure that every move we make follows a Palestinian fulfillment of some of their undertakings," Sharon told Channel 1.

Industry and Trade Minister Nathan Sharansky, in contrast, concentrated his cabinet remarks on the need to get more assurances from the Americans before moving forward. "I am very worried," said Sharansky. "There is a distortion of understandings on the part of the Palestinians and we need clarifications before moving on."

Netanyahu submitted to the ministers a number of documents besides the memorandum and the maps. These include the US assurances and side letters - among them the assurance received Wednesday night about the expected arrest of 30 wanted fugitives - and a list of what Israel has verbally promised the Palestinians.

The verbal promises include a commitment to release some 750 Palestinian prisoners. The Palestinians, said Netanyahu, had originally demanded the release of 3,500 prisoners.

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Report: Israel won't stop selling arms to India

By ARNOLD O'SULLIVAN

Israeli officials have reportedly quietly rejected repeated calls by the Clinton administration to halt sales of arms and military know-how to India as part of the United States sanctions imposed following its nuclear bomb tests.

According to the recent edition of the US-based *Defense News*, Israeli officials were quoted as saying that Israel reserves the right to examine each proposal on its own merits.

Washington applied economic sanctions and an embargo on exporting military equipment to India and Pakistan after each detonated nuclear bombs in May.

Western nations fell in line, but one Israeli diplomatic source said the sanctions are "not holding water," since the cut-throat arms market needs any client it can get.

Washington has reportedly asked key arms suppliers to the sub-continent, like Russia and Israel, to stop the sales.

Russia has opposed sanctions against India and is about to sign a 10-year bilateral defense cooperation agreement.

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US, Israeli researchers report breakthrough in repairing damaged tissue

By JUDY SIEGEL

Researchers at Haifa's Rambam Hospital and the University of Wisconsin at Madison last night announced a major breakthrough in growing human embryonic stem cells that can become replacement tissues for people with degenerative diseases, such as heart disease, diabetes, liver failure, cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and spinal-cord injury.

Their accomplishment, reported in today's issue of *Science* - the most important scientific journal in the US - is expected to trigger a

plethora of research around the world to apply the technique to the treatment of patients suffering from such diseases.

The team leaders were Prof. James A. Thomson, a developmental biologist at UW-Madison, and Prof. Joseph Itskovitz-Eldor, of Rambam's in-vitro fertilization unit and the Technion Medical Faculty (who was assisted by MA student Michal Amit). The Geron company in Menlo Park, California, helped fund the research and holds the license for the technology.

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Duke of Kent to make first official royal visit

By JEFF BARAK

The Duke of Kent arrives in Israel this Sunday for the first-ever official visit here by a member of the British royal family.

The duke, a cousin of Queen Elizabeth, is also vice chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board and, in a written interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, described his trip as "a working visit."

The duke refused to comment on whether his trip would pave the

way for the queen to visit Israel, but noted "there is a symbolism to all visits." He pointed out he was "delighted that my visit comes so soon after the signing of the Wye Memorandum."

In the past, the British royal family has stayed away from Israel, and there have been no official visits until now, although Prince Charles attended Yitzhak Rabin's funeral three years ago.

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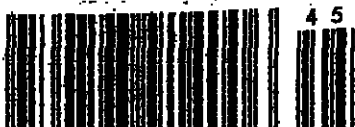
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NEWS

in brief

Moussa: 12 fugitives arrested months ago

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa told reporters in Sharm a-Sheikh yesterday that the Palestinian Authority's arrest of 12 of the 30 fugitives demanded by Israel had been made several months ago, saying they did not constitute a new measure taken by the Palestinians in response to Israeli pressure.

"The meeting of the Israeli cabinet is a normal and required step," Moussa added after he and President Hosni Mubarak met PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. "They [the Israelis] are not supposed to get a price for it."

Reuters

Hamas, Jihad reject calls to kill Arafat

Hamas and Islamic Jihad officials in Lebanon have rejected Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah's call for Palestinians to eliminate Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. Usama Hamdan, a senior Hamas representative in Lebanon, was quoted in the *Ad-Diyar* Beirut daily as saying that the organization, despite its respect for Hizbullah's leader, is opposed to political assassination. Islamic Jihad's representative, Abu Amar Rafai, was quoted in the same paper as saying that his organization is also opposed to political assassinations, although the people "would know how to deal with Arafat in the way that traitors deserve to be treated."

David Rudge

Anne Pollard advises ex to stay away from Israel

Jonathan Pollard should not come to Israel when he is freed because he will be "sorely disappointed," his ex-wife, Anne Pollard said last night. "I think Jonathan should hold real tight to his American passport and beg the US president for a second chance to be a productive citizen of the US," Anne Pollard said from her new home in Los Angeles. "He's looking at Israel through rose-colored glasses, like I did, and thinking he'll be able to start a new life but it's not going to happen, just as it didn't happen to me. He'll be sorely disappointed."

Asked who would give a job to a convicted spy in America, Anne Pollard said: "He's very bright. I'm sure someone will, otherwise he can go to Toronto with [his second wife] Esther." Anne Pollard said she had left Israel because the government had failed to keep its promises to her and had not made it possible for her to rebuild her life here.

Bathsheva Tsur

Time out for Sara's birthday

In the middle of yesterday's tense cabinet meetings on the ratification of the Wye agreement, members of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's office took a cake break to celebrate Sara Netanyahu's 40th birthday.

The negotiators, advisers, secretaries, and spokesmen traipsed downstairs to join Sara and the two Netanyahu children, Yair and Avner, in raising a toast.

Uri Elizur, the prime minister's bureau chief, gave a little talk about next week's Torah portion — appropriately enough, *Haye Sara*. "God told Abraham," began Elizur, "do whatever Sara tells you... and this," he said, concluding, "is a very important message."

Danna Harman

Eitan may resign if Wye okayed

By SARAH HONG

Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan may resign if the Wye Memorandum is ratified by the cabinet, according to several ministers who claim to have overheard him telling this to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday.

They say Netanyahu asked Eitan about reports he had heard to that effect. Eitan replied tersely: "It's a possibility."

Eitan himself was unavailable for comment, because the cabinet was still meeting at press time. But some of his Tsomet colleagues said that even if he does not resign from the cabinet, he might vote for the early elections bill and thereby tip the scales in favor of dissolving the Knesset.

If either of these two scenarios materializes, it would spell the beginning of the end of the Netanyahu government.

The ministers thought certain to vote against Wye are Eitan, the National Religious Party's Yitzhak Levy and Shaul Vahalom, and Yisrael Ba'aliya's Yuli Edelstein.

But even ministers considered sure to toe Netanyahu's line, like Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, strongly criticized the deal. Science Minister Silvan Shalom, whom some political pundits see as likely to be swayed by Netanyahu, reported that "after we began our cabinet deliberations, I find the situation even more unclear than at the outset. This agreement is full of enormous holes. The questions which we hoped Netanyahu would answer remain unaddressed."

Communications Minister Limor Livnat announced that "this is such a difficult agreement that I could never support it. I will oppose it if Netanyahu wants us to approve it as is. If we add restrictions to the terms of the deal, I might be persuaded to abstain."

She nevertheless expressed "support for the continued existence of this government, which to my mind is the best possible of all available alternatives."

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi spoke similarly about the need to keep the coalition alive and noted that "its imminent demise has been announced often in the past, but those announcements were premature. It might be so this time as well."

Netanyahu's major goal, accord-

ing to sources close to him, is to keep his government alive until the Knesset's spring recess. If he can do that, he might improve his chances to survive until 2000. The coalition, however, lost eight Knesset votes on Wednesday alone.

Netanyahu is sure that the Wye agreement will be ratified in both the cabinet and Knesset, but he realizes that he may be brought down in subsequent votes. The pending early elections bill, for instance, will be submitted for its first reading in 12 days.

Illustrating the difficulties Netanyahu is facing was MK Haiman Porat (NRP), who greeted the ministers with a printed letter addressed to each of them as they arrived at the cabinet session. In it he appealed to them not to

approve the Wye deal.

The Labor Party, rather than spreading the promised safety net for Netanyahu, yesterday went through the motions of officially beginning preparations for early elections in a five-hour session of party leaders at Beit Berl. They discussed how to organize their upcoming campaign and even heard a pep talk from a British Labor Party representative, who outlined his party's winning strategy in the recent elections.

However, MK Shimon Peres relentlessly continued to advocate a national unity government, arguing that "elections will not change the basic situation as it now exists. A national unity government is vital for this country, and better now than after a harmful and vitriolic electoral battle."

Settler leaders hope to voice concerns to PM

PM's Office: No meeting planned

By NINA GILBERT

The Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza has called on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to hold deliberations with settler leaders on maps they have prepared in advance of the redeployment.

In a letter sent yesterday, the council said that it was necessary for its members to show the government the strategic and other implications of the withdrawal. It added that it wants senior cabinet ministers to attend the meetings.

"The maps that will be presented to the cabinet are critical to the existence and development of the settlements in Judea and Samaria in general," the group said.

Meanwhile, the Housing Ministry issued a tender for the establishment of 130 housing units in Anei Hefetz, east of Tulkarm, Israel Radio reported.

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz) responded to the move by saying that "it proves that the prime minister's claim that the Public Housing Law can't be implemented due to a lack of funding is a flimsy lie."

"Tight and efficient government finds funding for the settlements. This is a government that loves the settlers but doesn't care about the poor," he said.

Under the Housing Law, passed by the Knesset last month, some 100,000 public housing residents would be entitled to buy their apartments at sizeable discounts. The government is trying to freeze implementation of the law via the economic arrangements bill, which accompanies the 1999 budget.

In their letter to Netanyahu, the settler leaders demanded that a discussion of the redeployment maps be held not only with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, but they did not specify the other ministers whose inclusion they were seeking.

A council source said yesterday that the settlers want to suggest "corrections to the maps to ensure that important areas, such as main roads, will be safe."

"We are working to ensure that this agreement will not be implemented, but also to limit the damage. We must make sure that the settlements can continue to flourish despite the withdrawal," he said. "We will make clear to the prime minister that this agreement constitutes abandonment and will put Jewish lives in danger."

According to settler sources, a 13 percent withdrawal would seriously isolate some 18 settlements, nine of them in Samaria, with the rest being in the Hebron area and in Gush Katif.

Netanyahu's spokesman, Aviv Bushinsky, said last night that no meeting is planned for today between the prime minister and settler leaders.

At the same time, Ahuva Shilo, a spokeswoman for the Samaria Regional Council, based in Elon Moreh, east of Nablus, said settlers still do not know what the redeployment entails. "We will do everything possible to protect the interests of our residents. We have submitted a plan for bypass roads and other measures to maintain daily life," she said. "We are very fearful that we will not be able to continue to lead normal lives here."



Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon (left) enjoys a laugh during yesterday's cabinet deliberations about ratification of the Wye Memorandum. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu ponders the situation.

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Tatiana Susskin freed from jail

By ELLI WOHLGELER

Tatiana Susskin, who was sentenced in January to two years in prison for posting caricatures of Mohammed as a pig on storefronts in Hebron, was released from prison yesterday for good behavior.



Tatiana Susskin (Flash 90)

The Prison Authority's parole board reduced her sentence on Wednesday by a third, not withstanding General Security Service objections. The GSS asked the parole board for a stay of proceedings for one week on grounds that her release would harm national security. The board granted a five-day stay, but on reflection, the GSS decided not to appeal the parole board's decision to the High Court of Justice.

Prison Authority spokeswoman Orly Messer-Harel said that Susskin was to have been released on Monday, but that it was moved forward to yesterday when the GSS decided not to appeal. Asked by reporters as she left jail if she regretted her actions, Susskin said, "What I did was right for that moment, but I wouldn't do it again now."

Her lawyer, Shawn Casper, expressed his outrage at "the GSS's cynical attempt to deny Susskin's natural right to parole. Recent events, especially the Rabin affair, have substantially weakened the GSS's omnipotent image, pushing them to prey on the likes of Susskin and their parole rights."

Susskin's contriteness yesterday contrasted with her feelings the day of her sentencing, when she told reporters: "For what do I have

to be sorry? Everything I did was from a love of the land of Israel. There is nothing to be sorry for. I think it's a matter of freedom of speech - how can somebody sit in jail for a drawing? It's impossible. It's only a drawing."

Under the terms of her release, Susskin will have to contact the police twice a week. She is also prohibited from leaving the Ramat Gan/Tel Aviv area, and must observe an 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew. Her mother signed a NIS 10,000 bail guarantee. "The terms are ridiculous," said Casper, "as Susskin has already been granted five 48-hour weekend furloughs, where she was barred only from Jerusalem and the territories. Now she's being restricted to Ramat Gan and Tel Aviv. This is simply bowing to GSS pressure."

The 27-year-old was convicted of committing a racist act, supporting a terrorist organization, attempting to give religious offense, and attempted vandalism, for her actions in Hebron on June 27, 1997. She was also convicted of endangering life on a road for throwing rocks at an Arab driver the following day. She could have received up to 26 years in prison.

The pig posters triggered outrage throughout the Moslem world, including angry street protests in Bangladesh and Iran, and rulings by Moslem clerics that insulting the prophet Mohammed should be punishable by death. Israeli leaders condemned Susskin's actions and apologized to Moslems.

Arieh O'Sullivan contributed to this report.

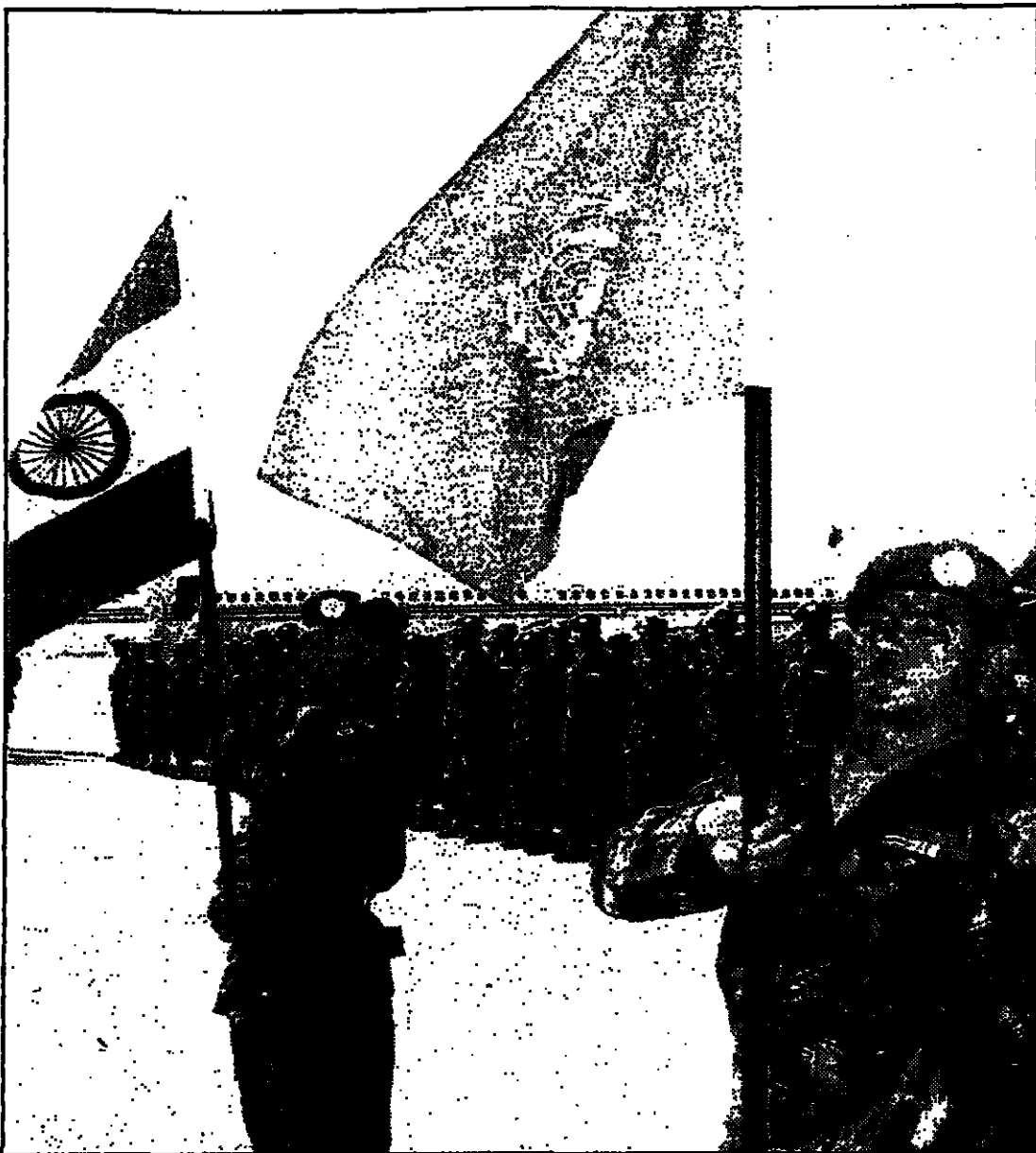
Israeli charged with aiding Hamas bombers

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The Lod military court yesterday charged an Israeli Arab with conspiring with Hamas to transfer suicide bombers from the Gaza Strip into Israel.

According to the charge sheet, Ibrahim Ukbi, a 28-year-old truck driver from Jiser a-Zarka next to Caesaria, met a number of times with Hamas activists and was given \$5,000 to buy a truck and a mobile telephone to keep in touch. On Sept. 25, he drove down to Kibbutz Nir Am along the Gaza Strip and waited to rendezvous

with two young men who were to blow themselves up in a massive suicide bombing attack. One of the bombing sites was Beersheba, the charge sheet said. The second man was to have slept at Ukbi's home and carry out an attack later. Military prosecutor Capt. Guy Indek said that the bombers never showed up because they were captured en route. Ukbi, who was arrested later, was officially charged with membership in an illegal organization, Hamas. The court remanded Ukbi, who was not represented by a lawyer, until the end of the month.



Two Indian army soldiers carry the U.N. and Indian flags at Beirut airport. A total of 135 Indian soldiers arrived in Beirut to join U.N. peacekeepers in south Lebanon, replacing Norwegian troops who had served in war conditions for 20 years.

Indians replace UNIFIL Norwegians

By DAVID RUDGE

A contingent from the Indian Army's renowned Gurkha regiment arrived in south Lebanon yesterday to begin replacing UNIFIL's Norwegian battalion, which is pulling out of the international peacekeeping force after 20 years.

It is the first time that the Indian army is participating in a UN mission in Lebanon, although troops served in Somalia and also in the UN's Emergency Force in Sinai, prior to the Six Day War.

The first unit of 135 soldiers, out of a total of 617, flew into Beirut airport and from there went directly to their new battalion headquarters - in the heart of the eastern sector of the security zone.

The remainder of the troops are due to arrive during the next few weeks, in time for the official handover later this month. The Norwegian contingent has been part of UNIFIL since the force's inception after the Litani Operation in 1978. It is pulling out because of recruitment problems.

UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel said that due to its location, the district supervised until now by the Norwegian soldiers is one of the most complex and sensitive under the force's supervision.

"UNIFIL insisted on a longer overlap period given the sensitivity of the area, and we are delighted that this has been made possible by the incredibly quick reaction of the Indian Army in preparing and dispatching the unit," said Goksel.

The Indian battalion is part of the 4th Gurkha Regiment - one of the most famous fighting units in the world. It was formed in 1886 mainly from Nepalese soldiers, as part of the British Indian Army. Because of its battle honors, it was in 1924 put under the command of the then-prince of Wales, who became Colonel-in-Chief of the Prince of Wales Own Gurkha Rifles.

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Ministry wants to reduce number of candidates in future local elections

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The Interior Ministry plans to reduce the number of candidates and lists in the next round of local elections by demanding a substantial, non-refundable down payment from candidates, Interior Minister Elisha Suissa said yesterday.

More than 3,800,000 voters have the right to cast their ballots in the local elections which will take place on Tuesday in 161 municipalities and local councils.

They will have to choose from among 1,716 lists and 682 mayoral and local council head hopefuls, Suissa told a Jerusalem news conference.

But, he said, this number is far too high and his ministry is examining ways of cutting it down. "There is no way that everyone with a chip on his shoulder can decide to run in the municipal elections and then step down just before election day. This is merely intended to gain power and to

extort promises from the [other] candidates," he said.

Israel has never seen such a violent election campaign as this one. "It is different from all previous campaigns because the candidates are facing threats for the first time," Suissa said.

The ministry is planning to bolster the regular police forces stationed at the polls on election day by hiring the guards that normally are on duty at the schools which have been turned into polling sta-

tions, he said.

Because of the sanctions at the ministry - which made it impossible for people to renew ID cards and which ended yesterday - emergency regulations had been invoked, he said. This would make it possible to vote with a passport, driver's license, or any other official card, instead of the printed appendix to the ID card which is normally required.

Legislation will be introduced which would make it unnecessary

in future to bring the appendix to the polling station, he added. Suissa noted that every party could send observers to the polling stations to prevent cheating. The ministry is also examining the possibility of computerizing voting cards for the next elections, he added.

Persons who vote in a locality where they are not resident are subject to a jail sentence of three years, he warned.

Tim contributed to this report.

Convicted sexual offender to head delegation to Qatar

By ARNHE O'SULLIVAN

Israel is sending a delegation headed by a convicted sexual offender to the exhibition of public protection, defense and security to be held in Doha, Qatar this weekend.

It will be the second consecutive time that Israel is sending a delegation to MILIPOL '98, considered to be the most important exhibition of this type in the Middle East.

The Israeli pavilion is organized by the Foreign Ministry, but the Export Institute and Defense Sales Office of the Defense Ministry (SIBAT) set up a booth to expose Israeli military industries to buyers from the region. The fair will run from Nov. 7-10.

Heading the Defense Ministry delegation will be Amos Burcin, a senior SIBAT official who was con-

victed on September 27 of indecent behavior toward female soldiers working in his office. Burcin was given a one-year suspended sentence and fined NIS 7,000. The lenient sentence came after top Defense Ministry officials, including director general Ilan Biran himself, appeared in court as a character witness.

A spokeswoman for the Defense Ministry denied sending Burcin was "a prize," saying he was simply performing his job.

"Mr. Burcin is going to the exhibition in Qatar to represent the Defense Ministry as part of his position in SIBAT," a ministry statement said, adding that Burcin still faces a disciplinary hearing before the state civil service commission.

"The Defense Ministry will abide by any decision they make," the statement added.

Neeman protests closure of schools next Tuesday

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman said yesterday he opposes the closure of schools next Tuesday, during the municipal elections.

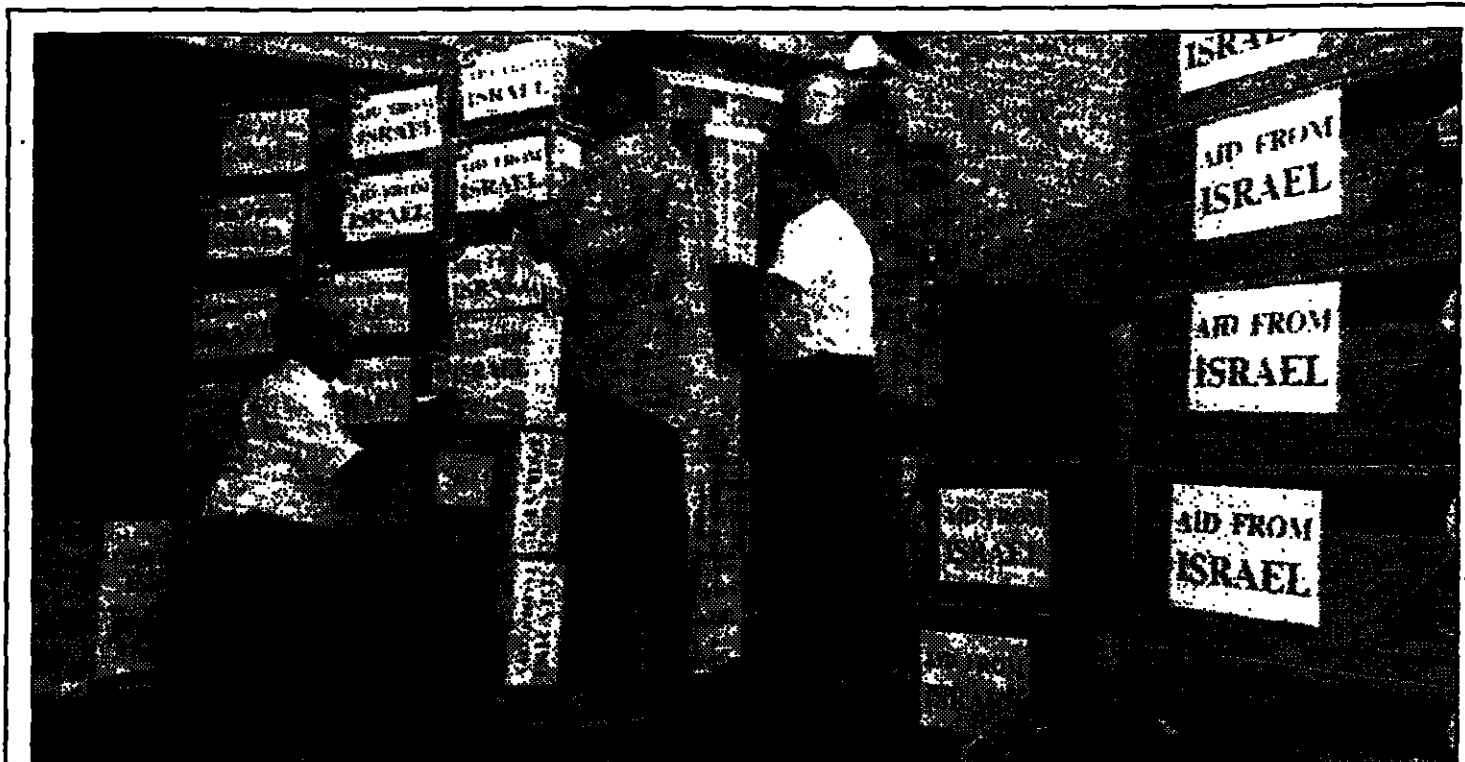
A Treasury statement said Neeman saw no reason for the move, which would harm hundreds of thousands of pupils and parents. It added that Neeman had also spoken out against closing schools for elections at a cabinet meeting on the issue in May.

Jerusalem Post Staff

PA: ID cards being taken from P'leam Arabs

Palestinian Authority sources said yesterday that the Interior Ministry had withdrawn 265 identity cards from Jerusalem Arab residents during the past two months. The Center of Citizens' and Social Rights, belonging to Orient House, said that 2018 identity cards had been withdrawn since the beginning of 1996.

Mohammed Najib



Aid for Mitch victims

Foreign Ministry workers yesterday ready the first shipment of aid for victims of Hurricane Mitch. Report, Page 7.

(Scoop 80)

Laniado staffers complain of religious coercion

By JUDY SIEGEL

Male staffers at Netanya's Laniado Hospital are required by management to don a kippa, and women employees must wear modest dresses at work, according to a complaint sent to Health Minister Yehoshua Matza by Amos Yekutieli, chairman of the Am Hofshi organization for freedom of religion, conscience, education and culture.

Yekutieli charged yesterday that even temporary medical residents and duty officers who are not members of the hospital staff are required to follow these rules, and that doctors who refused to abide by them "have been threatened with the loss of their jobs." There was no information on whether patients themselves are supposed to dress according to Laniado's rules.

Gershon Lieder, the administrative director of the Haredi hospital, said that "Laniado has over 1,000 employees, about half of them secular. However, the non-religious workers all know the rules and respect them. The hospital has never been sued or a complaint issued over the requirement to dress suitably." Lieder added that Netanya was an example to the country of religious-secular coexistence but if the Health Ministry required the hospital to abolish its

dress code it would forgo state funding and become a private hospital.

Health Ministry spokesman Yoram Malka said on behalf of the minister that Laniado is not a state hospital owned and run by the government, so "behavior and instructions are in the hands of hospital management if they don't harm medical treatment." However, he added that if there were threats of dismissals against those who don't conform to management dress codes, the minister "will investigate" the matter.

Am Hofshi said it received complaints from Laniado workers, who maintained that every staffer is required to meet with the hospital rabbi for a briefing on the rules of modesty and religious observance there. The hospital, a non-profit institution established by the Klausenberger Rebbe and serving a broad population in Netanya and environs, also has a clause in its workers' contracts that prevents them from striking so as not to harm patients.

Yekutieli, who is also a Jerusalem city councillor, said that "we regard with great seriousness this behavior of the hospital management. There must be no forcing of attire beyond the dress code accepted in all the country's hospitals."

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On Sunday, November 8 - (19 Cheshvan) at 3:30 p.m. a graveside service will take place IY"YH at the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery in Jerusalem COMMEMORATING THE EIGHTH YAHRTZEIT OF RABBI MEIR DAVID KAHANE, ז"ל

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Labor MKs urge Naveh's ouster

By LIAT COLLINS

As the sound of Wednesday's televised shouting match between Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's adviser Ahmed Tibi and Cabinet Secretary Dan Naveh faded, calls of a different kind were heard.

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At least three Labor MKs said yesterday that Naveh should not be allowed to continue in his post and two initiated a bill which would prevent him from immediately entering politics.

"During the exchange which took place on Channel 1's 'One to One,' Tibi accused Naveh of being a liar and of leaking parts of the security memorandum, in this way endangering Arafat's life. Naveh countered that Tibi was using the propaganda technique of Goebbels."

As tempers and voices continued to rise, Naveh charged that "the worst type of antisemitism" was heard in the Palestinian Authority and said the PA justice minister compared Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Hitler. Tibi, in return said, "Even [Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee Chairman and Likud MK] Uzi Landau has said that you lie."

MK Yossi Beilin (Labor) said: "Dani Naveh has proven he is not worthy of staying in this position another single day. After he was caught out by the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense

Committee [which criticized his summary of the Wye memorandum] he has reached new heights by appearing in the media and blaming the person he is negotiating with of Nazi behavior. It would be fitting for Netanyahu to order him to draw the right conclusions," said MK Yossi Beilin (Labor).

Labor MKs Effi Oshaya and Dalia Itzik both said they would submit bills calling for a one-year cooling-off period for people in senior positions such as cabinet secretary and director-general of the prime minister's office before they could run for the Knesset. "If we don't do this, Naveh will be able to continue to run his primary election campaign in the media while still in this position," Oshaya said.

Itzik said the bill is aimed at preventing the senior civil servants from using their positions as political springboards. She said a situation has been created in which "instead of serving the interests of the State of Israel, the holders of these positions serve their own private interests."

Naveh declined to respond.

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October 18, 1998

Mr. Hanania Weinberger
Greetings,

As someone closely acquainted with the problems of the city and the City Council, I am pleased that you have submitted your candidacy for the City Council.

Your initiative, devotion and tenacity are well known, and are important qualities for Council members.

I would like to stress another quality you hold, about which I learned many years ago: your love of the truth. You neither succumb to pressure nor fear anyone. You are far removed from intrigue and sectoral interests (which in my opinion is not true of many public figures).

The Rehovot Municipality needs a reliable guardian to protect the interests of the entire population and extract the town from its present disgraceful situation. It is fitting that this task should be yours and there is no doubt that you can meet the challenge.

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Sincerely,

Yehoshua Harmelich

The writer is a former Mayor

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Act of August 15, 1987

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"Barnakom" August 14, 1998

"NUDNIK ON THE COUNCIL"

If I lived in Rehovot, I would be happy if we had such a member on the city council. Somebody who knows what is going on in the city and the municipality, who is acquainted with the law and public administration, can from the beginning serve as a vocal one-man control committee. Whoever rules the Rehovot Municipality in November, will be unable to ignore him. He will attend all the meetings, read the reports and find all the mistakes in them - including pre-empting cases.

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THE KNESSET

February 23 1997

Mr. Hanania Weinberger, Rehovot
Dear Hanania,

Re: Congratulations

I received your letter regarding your public activity.

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Regards,
Prof. Alex Lubotsky, MK

One of the heads of the Third Way Movement.

Overseas students face uncertainty

Two students were injured and taken to the hospital, and two policemen injured during that protest.

Arrangements for returning the money after completion of studies

Police detained some 80 students who participated in a demonstration near Kibbutz Shaalavim which closed down the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway for a short time, according to student sources. They were taken to Ramle, where almost all were later released.



Batsheva Tsur contributed to this report

Lowy, 20, was supposed to be taking two English classes this semester. "I'm relying on these English classes for my major," he said.

Hebrew University officials said the first semester won't be canceled, but may be extended. "If they start late they'll finish

"I think in a country where you serve in an army for the government, it's only fair that there should be more money and loans for the students," said Bonnie Miluso, 19, from Northwestern University in Chicago, who, were for it not the strike, would be taking a class on India and its culture. "The students are the future of Israel. There is a lack of support and no one is listening. I think the one-hour strike by the Histadrut [on Wednesday] was a great show of support."

Agency treasurer Sallai Meridor sounded a similar warning as he outlined some of the subjects to be discussed, including immigration from the former Soviet Union, Jewish education around the world, efforts to bring more young Jews to Israel, and the continued formation and

Asked about Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's recent prediction that 150,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union would come here next year, Burg said he and Meridor had not yet been able to discuss with Netanyahu "upon what those predictions are based." For now the agency is relying on its own figures, showing 45,000-50,000 immigrants will come this year, Burg said.



Marvin Lender of the United Jewish Appeal (right) with Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, former Soviet refusenik Sylva Zalmanson and Keren Hayesod director Baruch Gur at a ceremony commemorating 10 years of Soviet immigration yesterday.

NEW YORK — "Dr. Laura," the popular radio talk-show host who delivers moralistic "family values" advice to angst-ridden American callers, apologized this week for nude photos of her that appeared on the Internet and turned the embarrassing incident into a pitch for tra-

But on the airwaves Wednesday, she said that "in my 20s, I was my own moral authority... The inadequacy of that way of life is painfully obvious today. I have undergone

profound changes over the course of my life, the most important of which is my journey from basic atheist to an observant Jew... My early experiences have taught me how much better it is to live by an objective and absolute standard of right and wrong," she said. "And that is the hard-won wisdom I try to pass along to others as I preach, teach and nag."

Amid her contrition, she also assailed as "morally reprehensible" the \$50,000 sale of the photos by her former lover, who is now 80. Schlessinger, known as the "agony aunt," has rebuked the industry for "shock radio," which was widely assumed to be criticism of shock jock Howard Stern.


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Come-back kids

What would happen if you threw an impeachment party and nobody came? Sorry Newt! House Speaker Gingrich tried to throw a Get Clinton party for the voters, but instead they trooped off to a Democrats' Morning in America party. There are a lot of angry Republicans buzzing around Washington today, muttering about "feeding newts to lizards" or some such political jargon.

It's true that the mid-terms have left most gubernatorial posts in Republican hands; it's true that the Republican congressional losses were modest; it's true that Republicans maintain their House majority. But read their slips.

Incumbent White Houses are not supposed to see their party gain in mid-term polls, especially not White Houses "rocked" by a scandal greater than all the great scandals that killed people, such as Iran-Contra or carpet-bombing Cambodia.

Last snicker

The voters, as the opinion polls have consistently indicated, Newt, do not see it that way. So Bill diddle the intern and got caught (snicker, snicker) — now how much taxpayers' money is this Starr guy spending to write it all down in pornographic detail? Exit polls Tuesday delivered a 58 percent message to Kenneth and Newt about impeachment — drop it already. It's a fair guess that's 58 and rising.

An anecdote is told in academic circles of a renowned physicist lecturing on the natural forces. "Gravity is the weakest force," he said, at which point a large spotlight detached itself from the ceiling and crashed to the ground two meters from the podium. Without turning a hair, the scientist continued: "Weak, as I said, but not insignificant." The shift in the American political center of gravity on Tuesday was weak, but not insignificant.

California chose a Democrat governor, Gray Davis, for only the fourth time this century. New York loud-mouth Alfonso D'Amato got his come-uppance from Charles Schumer. D'Amato ("good for the Jews?") went a slur too far when he called the Jewish Democrat a putz. So now, who's the putz? There is more quiet satisfaction in this for Israelis — D'Amato was the main client of alleged spin-meister Arthur Finkelstein in the dirty fight for New York. This joins five other defeats for Finkelstein-advised candidates in the 1996 elections. Take hope — hype-politics is crumbling before New Centrism everywhere.

Sorry J.R.

But the nice Republican-winners story is also brimming with New America optimism, even if it marks a new political dynasty (or Dynasty) worthy of a Gore Vidal novel. The Bush brothers, grandsons of a sena-

tor and sons of a president, pulled off the greatest sibling double-act of the century by capturing the governorships of Texas and Florida (George and Jeb). The Bushes add what the British might call a touch of class to a party better known recently for its touch of crass. They seem like voices of moderation and common sense among the screeches of Bible-thumpers, right-to-lifers, Starr chambers, Tripp-wires, and various rabid anticlinonites.

It is even more encouraging to see George Bush as front runner for 2000 on the Republican side, holding out at least the promise of a nice clean fight. Too dull? The Republicans can always hire Arthur to suggest that Gore will divide Dullsville.

The mid-terms look like the Caucus Race from *Alice in Wonderland* — everyone has won, so everyone must have a prize. They all are come-back kids now. Even Hillary Clinton got a present in the surprise defeat of Lough Faircloth, the right-wing Republican for whom North Carolina might have been invented. Hillary had hinted that this Clinton-hater par excellence was the Darth Vader of the "right-wing conspiracy" against her husband. Never mind that the Monica matter turned out to be no more sinister than a sloppy zipper conspiracy. A Clinton-hater downed by a handsome young Democrat (John Edwards) is still worth a sigh of satisfaction.

Body blow

Voters who wish a plague on both the dynastic political houses also got a prize, and if cozy Minnesota can stage a populist revolt, there's hope for everyone. Out of nowhere they elected Jesse "The Body" Ventura, former pro-wrestler and current radio talk-show host, as governor. With his gleaming pate and fast lip full of quotes from The Doors and The Grateful Dead, no-hoper Ventura left his main-party opponents in a crumpled heap on the political mat, like two of Sarge's errant soldiers in Beetle Bailey.

And let us not forget some of those quirky little all-American referendums that mark the mid-terms. In South Carolina, voters agreed for the first time in over 100 years to allow blacks and whites to marry. What next — gay rights? Maybe not — Alaska banned gay marriages, but rejected a proposed ban on snarling wolves. California banned the export of horse-meat. Missouri approved slot machines on boats in moats, but it joined Arizona in banning cockfights. Nope — not even on moats (man-made pools). Marijuana for medical use made big gains everywhere — advocates say it relieves pain and nausea. It sounds like more wisdom from Jerry Garcia and Jim Morrison. But it's especially effective during election campaigns.

Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

Republicans seek 'sacrificial lamb'

By JACKIE FRANK



House Speaker Newt Gingrich, whose position may be in danger following Tuesday's Republican electoral loss, speaks to a press conference in Marietta, Georgia, yesterday. (AP)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Republicans yesterday considered whether one of their leaders should be offered as a "sacrificial lamb" to atone for the disappointing election which left them with a razor thin majority in the House of Representatives.

Congressional sources said House Appropriations Committee chairman Bob Livingston was getting the thumbs up signal in talks with conservatives and moderates in the party to challenge House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

The five-seat loss to Democrats strained relations between the rank-and-file and party leaders, even as Gingrich and his lieutenants put a brave face on Tuesday's results. This was the party's second loss, with nine seats dropped in 1996, after their stunning victory in 1994 which brought Republicans to power for first time in 30 years.

The election outcome has jeopardized Republican chances of winning their agenda on tax cuts, social security, and of stopping Democrats on health care reform and minimum wage increases. They have only a six vote majority.

"The Lord punished Republicans for not doing what they were put on earth to do, cut taxes," Marshall Whitman, the Heritage Foundation's director of congressional relations, said.

House Republicans passed a five-year \$80 billion tax cut, but it stalled in the Senate under veto threat from President Bill Clinton.

Whitman predicted Livingston would challenge Gingrich, and win, when the party meets in 10 days to elect leaders for the coming two-year congressional session. As one Republican source noted, the vote will be secret, and those who might fear repercussions such as loss of committee seats if they oppose Gingrich and

company. Another Republican source expressed extreme anger at party leaders, saying they had failed to press their policy agenda. "They deserved this and worse," he said.

One target may be the head of the Republican campaign fundraising effort and strategy, Rep. John Linder of Georgia who had predicted a gain of 10-12 seats. He said he had nothing to say to disgruntled Republicans. "The campaign committee raised more money, put more money directly into races than it has done in history," he said at a news conference.

"He may be offered up as a sacrificial lamb," a House Republican source said. While Linder raised record amounts, some lawmakers consider the money to have been "blown and squandered," the source said.

His Senate counterpart, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, may be in trouble as well.

DUKE

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The Duke of Edinburgh paid a private visit in 1994, when he received the award of Righteous Among the Nations bestowed upon his late mother, Princess Alice of Greece, who hid a Jewish family in her Athens palace during the Holocaust. Princess Margaret, the queen's sister, spent five hours vis-

iting Galilee in 1995, during a visit to Jordan.

The main thrust of the duke's three-day visit is to boost British-Israeli trade, particularly in the field of telecommunications. Britain will have a stand at the Israel Telecom '98 fair and, said the duke, "I'm here to support their effort, and draw them to the attention of potential Israeli customers, clients and distributors."

"In a little over five years, up to

1996, two-way trade has doubled and reached the record total of two billion pounds (NIS 14b). Israel is Britain's fourth-largest customer in the Middle East and we are your number one market in the EU and number two market world-wide. But we believe the amount of business can and will be even better — and we intend to work hard to improve it."

Senior Israeli officials are presently in Brussels to discuss the

dispute between Israel and the EU over the use of goods made in the territories being exported to the EU under a "Made in Israel" label. The duke called for "calm, sensitive" negotiations to bring the matter to a successful conclusion.

Calling both the British and Israeli economies "increasingly knowledge-based," with the strongest growth in the high-tech sector, the royal visitor expressed optimism for increased joint ven-

tures British and Israeli companies.

Aside from visiting the trade fair, the duke will visit Yad Vashem, meet President Ezer Weizman, and lay a wreath at the British War Graves Cemetery in Haifa. He will also hold meetings with Finance and Industry and Trade ministry officials and deliver the keynote speech at the Israel-British Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner.

INDIA

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Israel has sold ammunition, patrol boats, and electronic warfare components to India's navy, and El-Op, Tamam, and Tadiran are currently shortlisted to upgrade about 1,500 of its T-72M1 tanks.

But according to *Defense News*, Washington particularly targeted Israel because of a number of sensitive arms deals with India on the horizon.

Sources said that America was concerned over a possible \$1 billion deal to provide India with an advanced phased-array early warning system called Falcon, which is installed on a Russian-manufactured Ilyushin-76 plane.

The system is completely Israeli developed, so Washington does not have the automatic veto it does over other weapons systems — like the Arrow anti-ballistic missile — which contain US-made components or which the US helps fund.

Indian Ambassador Ranjan Mathai confirmed that India is purchasing military equipment from Israel, but declined to go into details.

"We do require defense items, and we acquire these from companies around the world, including Israeli companies who win the tenders," he told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Defense Ministry officials declined to comment on the report. Israeli diplomats, while declining to refer directly to military sales, said there is no problem with Washington over Israel's ties with India.

"There is no conflict between us. Nations are known to agree to disagree," said one official.

There were suggestions that America is trying to tie Israel's hands so that it can sell to India itself.

US officials said that they are confident Israel wouldn't sell weapons or weapons systems that would aid in India's controversial nuclear program or in some way be redirected to enemies of the state.

"I'm confident we reached an understanding," said one US official.

TISSUE

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Iskovitz said last night that the technique is based on frozen human embryos donated by couples who did not want any more children.

They were frozen years ago when they had divided into 140 cells and were then defrosted. But instead of implanting them in an infertile woman, the embryonic stem cells were cultured under stringent conditions.

After being removed from the medium, they can be coaxed into differentiating into muscle, blood, skin, bone, or other specific types of tissue.

So far they have differentiated randomly, but the scientists have already proved that, at least in mice, they can "instruct" the cells to become specific types of tis-

sue. Since they are initially undifferentiated and grow in unlimited numbers, such cells in the future could be used to repair any type of human tissue.

As embryonic cells, they have long telomeres (ends of genetic material that allow replication), so they can divide up to 90 times and not the only 20 times or so that is possible in adult tissue.

Although the joint breakthrough has been compared in importance by some to the cloning of the ewe named Dolly, Iskovitz said their research "has nothing to do with cloning and can't in the foreseeable future be used to grow whole organs, such as new hearts or livers."

But he said that it is possible to produce nerve tissue in mice, and there is preliminary evidence that bone marrow can be produced in rhesus monkeys.

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Although at least four ministers — Eitan, Levy, Edelstein, and Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom — have said explicitly they will vote against the deal, and a majority remain undecided, Netanyahu said he was confident a majority of the 17 ministers would ratify the accord.

Unless it is postponed due to the new demands on Arafat, voting will probably take place today, and then the accord will be passed to the Knesset, where it is expected to be voted on next Thursday.

Meanwhile, US Mideast envoy Dennis Ross who was due in the region yesterday, has postponed his trip, and is now scheduled to come tomorrow.

A US official said Ross has no intention of getting caught up in

the process of selling the deal to the cabinet, and would travel to the region when it is clear the implementation process is starting.

Hillel Kuttler adds: The State Department said yesterday it is "very pleased" the cabinet is now in deliberations to ratify the Wye accord.

The US is "able to provide" the necessary clarifications that Israel is seeking on Palestinian responsibilities to apprehend 30 wanted terrorists, State Department spokesman James Rubin said.

"With respect to the arrest issue, for example, we believe the Palestinians will act against the relevant people in a way that is consistent with the agreement and that will meet the prime minister of Israel's needs. That's an example of something we can assure. That is our best understanding," Rubin told reporters.



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All options open, Clinton warns Iraq

By STEVE HOLLAND

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Bill Clinton warned Iraq on yesterday that "all options are on the table," including military action, to force Baghdad to accede to UN demands.

Clinton spoke as Defense Secretary William Cohen reported finding Gulf Arab states "united in their condemnation" of Iraq's latest defiance.

Asked if he is concerned about reports that some states were cool to the idea of tougher action against Iraq, Clinton said it is his under-

standing that Cohen had a good trip. "We believe we will have the support that we need for whatever decisions we ultimately make," Clinton said. Asked if that included military action, he said: "We believe we'll have the support we need, and all options are on the table."

Cohen visited Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates and still has Egypt, Jordan, and Turkey to go.

The US has the aircraft carrier *Eisenhower* and 20 other combat and support ships in and near the

Gulf, including seven capable of firing long-range Tomahawk cruise missiles. It has 174 aircraft in the area, including 50 on the *Eisenhower*.

Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon, travelling with Cohen, said in a statement issued at the Pentagon that Cohen reviewed "possible responses to Iraq's flagrant violation of Security Council resolutions."

"Based on his meetings, Secretary Cohen is confident that the US will have the support it needs to take appropriate action to uphold the UN Security Council

resolutions," Bacon said.

Clinton is dispatching National Security Adviser Sandy Berger to Europe this weekend "to consult further with our allies on appropriate next steps," said National Security Council spokesman David Leavy.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, long fed up with UN weapons inspections, triggered the latest crisis last Saturday by announcing Iraq would no longer cooperate with inspectors looking for evidence that Baghdad is still pursuing weapons of mass destruction. The US was looking to the UN

Security Council to approve a British resolution condemning Iraq and demanding an unconditional reversal later yesterday.

"We hope the Security Council will send a clear, unambiguous message to Saddam that his actions are intolerable and the only way for Iraq to reverse course is for him to come into compliance with the international community," Leavy said.

But Leavy said the US believes it already has "all the necessary authority" under previous UN resolutions to launch military action if Clinton decides to do so.

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in brief

Austria approves restitution of Nazi art

VIENNA (Reuters) - The Austrian parliament yesterday unanimously approved legislation allowing works of art seized by the Nazis and later incorporated into state museums to be returned to their rightful owners.

"This cannot make good for what happened, but with this law we want to demonstrate one more piece of justice," Elisabeth Gehrer, minister of education and cultural affairs, said in parliament.

Hundreds of Austrian Jews lost valuable artworks, confiscated during the Nazi rule of Austria, for a second time after the end of World War II when the state imposed an export ban on the items. Paintings, coins, and antiques were expropriated from their exiled owners, who received permits to remove their art collections from the country only if certain objects were "donated" to Austrian state museums.

Court blocks way for third Yeltsin term

MOSCOW - Russia's Constitutional Court ruled yesterday that Boris Yeltsin cannot seek a third term as president, obliging the fading Kremlin leader to step aside when his mandate expires in mid-2000.

The court said in a widely expected decision that it was clear Yeltsin, 67, was serving his second and final term and dropped an examination of whether he had a legal right to stand again. The 1993 constitution limits the president to two terms. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Yakushkin said Yeltsin had accepted the decision, which had become a formality because of the president's poor health and his repeated assurances that he will step down when his four-year second term ends. *Reuters*

Report: Jones' lawyers about to quit case

NEW YORK (AP) - Paula Jones' lawyers have told her they will soon withdraw from her sexual misconduct suit against President Bill Clinton because they are annoyed with her settlement demands. *The New York Times* reported yesterday.

The newspaper quoted its sources as saying Jones' lawyers were troubled that she was, in their view, increasingly unrealistic about the amount of money she should receive in any settlement.

A New York real estate executive, Abe Hirschfeld, has offered \$1 million to Jones if she would drop the suit. She has said she would withdraw her claim in exchange for \$1 million from Clinton and Hirschfeld's \$1m.

UK child killer loses appeal against life in jail

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's most notorious child killer, Myra Hindley, yesterday lost an appeal against the government's decision that she must spend the rest of her life in jail.

Britain's appeal court dismissed arguments by Hindley's lawyers that she was acting under the influence of her lover and accomplice, Ian Brady.

Hindley was jailed in 1966 for two murders. In 1985, she confessed to taking part in three more murders. Hindley and Brady recorded their victim's cries as they tortured and killed them on bleak moorland in northern England.



War crimes suspect

Alexandras Lileikis appears in court yesterday in Vilnius, Lithuania, charged with sending scores of Jews to their deaths during World War II. Lileikis, 91, denied the charges, but then suffered a suspected heart attack and was rushed to hospital. The court proceedings were postponed until Monday. (AP)

Russia, US agree on aid

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia and the US reached a breakthrough on food aid and credits after days of delicate negotiations yesterday, with the US Department of Agriculture offering credits worth \$600 million to buy food.

On top of the credits, to be used for maize, soybeans and soymeal, wheat, meat, and milk powder, Interfax news agency quoted Deputy Prime Minister Gennady Kulik as saying Washington would also donate 1.5 million tons of wheat.

A US official in Moscow confirmed that the deal had been struck, but did not immediately have the details given by Kulik.

The deal was due to be signed in the Russian government's White House headquarters yesterday evening.

Talks between the USDA team, led by General Sales Manager Chris Goldthwait, and the Russian delegation led by Kulik, had been under way since Monday morning, with both sides maintaining strict confidentiality.

Mitch's new nightmare

MANAGUA (Reuters) - Nicaraguan rescue workers stumbled on a new nightmare left by Hurricane Mitch's lethal sweep through Central America when they discovered 200 bodies in the bend of a river, officials said yesterday.

The dead were residents of Chichigalpa, near the site of a volcano in northwestern Nicaragua that partly collapsed and killed as many as 2,000 people. The 200 bodies were swept away by a swollen river last week and only found on Wednesday.

The gruesome discovery pushed the death toll in Nicaragua to 1,642, with nearly 2,000 people still missing and feared dead. More than 9,000 people were believed killed in Central America by the deadliest storm in its history.

"They were found in the bend of a river. The Health Ministry has already sent gasoline to make a common grave and incinerate the bodies," Ariel Montoya, spokesman for Vice President Enrique Bolanos, said.

Mitch, a storm that refused to die, caused tornadoes to strike the Florida Keys overnight, ripping off roofs, flipping over mobile homes and pulling down power lines. Coast Guard rescuers searched for survivors from a 12-meter vessel that capsized near the Dry Tortugas, off Key West.

By midday yesterday, the storm, a pale comparison of its strength when it first hit Central America, was marching across the Florida peninsula toward the Atlantic seaboard. The northwest Bahamas was under a tropical storm warning.



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2 The advance fee fraud is perpetrated by enticing the victim with a bogus 'business' proposal which promises millions of US dollars as a reward. The scam letter usually promises to transfer huge amounts of money, usually in US dollars, purported to be part proceeds of certain contracts, to the addressee's bank account, to be shared in some proportion between the parties. A favourable response to the letter is followed by excuses why the funds cannot be remitted readily and subsequently by demands for proportionate sharing of payments for various 'taxes' and 'fees' supposedly to facilitate the processing and remittance of the alleged funds. The use of 'fake' Government, Central Bank of Nigeria, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, etc. documents is a common practice.

3 The fraudsters usually request that the transaction be done under the cover of confidentiality. Sometimes, the 'victims' are invited to Nigeria where they are given red-carpet reception and attended to by the fraudsters, posing as Nigerian Government officials. Quite often the fraudsters invent bogus Government committees purported to have cleared the payments. Also, it is not unusual for them to contrive fake publications in the newspapers evidencing purported approvals to transfer non-existent funds.

4 To consummate the transaction, the 'victim' would be required to pay 'advance fees' for various purposes: e.g. processing fees, unforeseen taxes, licence fees, registration fees, signing/legal fees, fees for National Economic Recovery Fund, VAT, audit fees, insurance coverage fees, etc. The collection of these 'advance fees' is actually the real objective of the scam!

5 A recent variant of the scam directed primarily at charitable organisations and religious bodies overseas involves bogus inheritance under a will. Again the sole aim is to collect the 'advance fees' already described above. A new strategy that has also been used to defraud the 'victims' is an offer to use chemicals to transform ordinary paper into United States dollar bills, which would be subsequently shared by the parties.

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8 Please join the Central Bank and the Federal Government of Nigeria to fight the criminal syndicates who play on the gullibility and greed of their victims by reporting any solicitation to your local law enforcement agencies or the local International Police Organisation (Interpol).

9 You have been warned several times before! You have been warned again!!

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The Raviv indictment

A mourner must confront many things: denial, sorrow, and often guilt. For individuals as well as societies, the mourning process cannot succeed in erasing the loss, but is necessary to heal wounds as best as is possible.

In the three years since the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, Israeli society has only succeeded in taking baby steps in the process of mourning.

The decision by Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to indict former General Security Service agent Avishai Rabin is to be welcomed as one small step, but it too will prove problematic and inadequate.

The first step in the process was made by the Shamgar Commission, appointed soon after Rabin's murder. Its mandate, however, was only to investigate the "intelligence and security preparations and everything related to VIP protection in general, and at the rally where the murder took place in particular."

By the time the commission had finished its work, GSS head Carmi Gillon and other top agency officials had resigned, as the commission concluded they should. But the narrow answer to the question, "How could such a colossal security lapse have occurred?" did not begin to settle the public's troubled mind.

Even the Shamgar Commission seemed to have left loose ends regarding its narrow mandate. It ruled out "conspiracy" theories swirling around the role of Rabin, a prominent right-wing provocateur who later was revealed to be a GSS agent. While most people were prepared to believe that the security services were not deliberately fueling an extremist campaign of incitement to violence against the prime minister, the exact role of GSS agents in such a campaign was left in a fog of secrecy.

In the meantime, the question of blame for what the Shamgar report called the "social and political culture" that contributed to the murder became highly politicized. To this day, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stands accused by Rabin's family of not doing enough to combat the climate of violence on the Right, while the Right retorts by demanding that more light be shed on the GSS role in contributing to that climate. In this same vein, the Left lauded the conviction of Margalit Har-Shefi, and the Right pushed hard for the indictment of Raviv.

The very fact that the public response to such trials is divided along political lines indicates that the societal chasm created by the murder is

still deep. Though Rubinstein's decision to indict Raviv is being attacked as political, a decision not to indict would also have been suspect in the eyes of much of the public. The remedy for such politicization is not further avoidance of the full story, but shedding more light on areas where parts of the public believe a full examination is lacking.

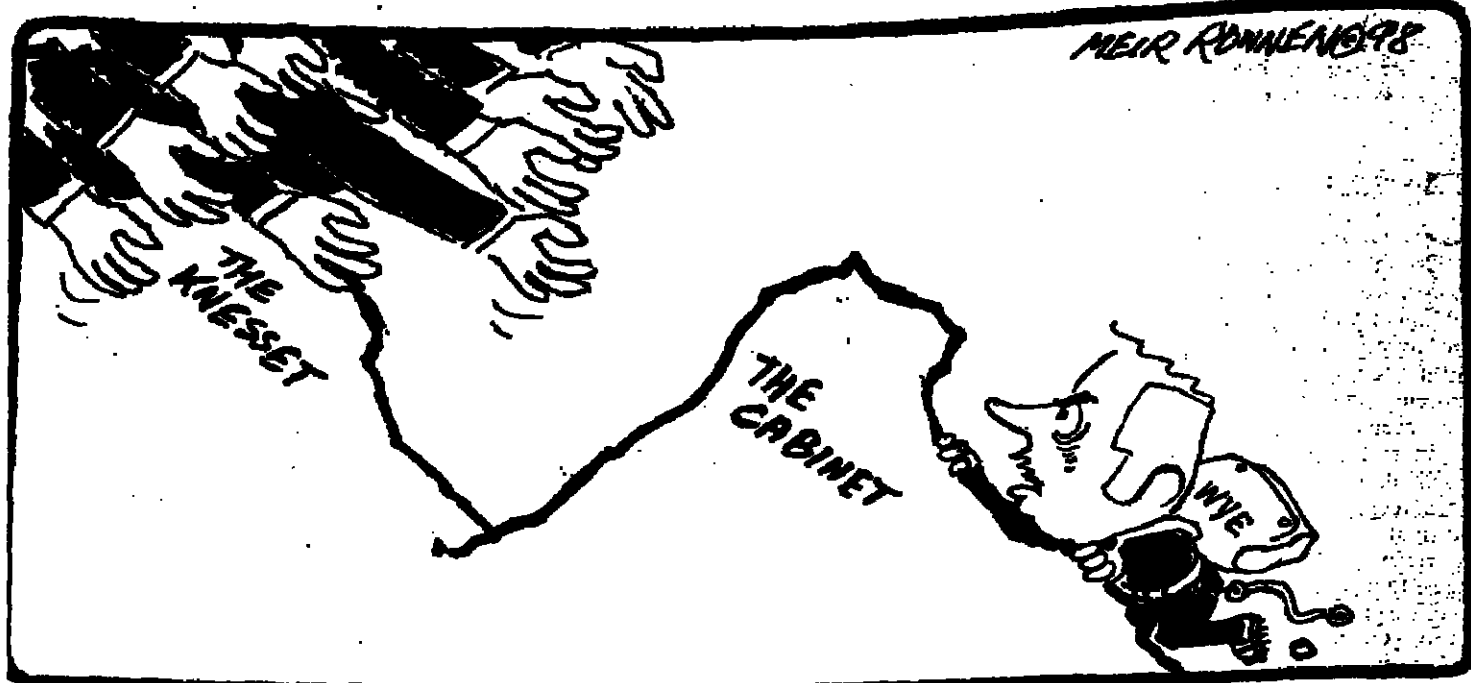
Just as the Har-Shefi trial did not close the file on the question of incitement in the public mind, the Raviv trial is unlikely to settle the question of the GSS's role. Though both Netanyahu and Rubinstein deny that the Raviv trial will be a trial of the GSS, such a trial is not only in the public interest but that of the GSS itself. It is for this reason that GSS head Ami Ayalon courageously dropped his initial opposition to trying Raviv. Likud MK Gideon Ezra, a former GSS deputy director, also favors the indictment, and rejects the claim that a trial will necessarily damage the agency's ability to do its work.

What is not clear is why Raviv will be indicted for failure to prevent a crime and inciting racism, but not for inciting Rabin's murder and perjury.

Raviv clearly lied under oath at assassin Yigal Amir's trial in stating that he was not a GSS agent. And concerning incitement, Rubinstein's own decision cites the Shamgar report's finding that "Raviv was connected to Yigal Amir more than any other person..." Raviv spoke out fiercely against the prime minister and argued that *din rodef* applied to him. The Shamgar report also establishes that, while Raviv did not create the infamous photomontage of Rabin in a Nazi uniform, he did pass it on to a television reporter.

In this context, and given public doubts and suspicions in the matter, it would seem foolish to examine only what Amir told Raviv (potential failure to prevent a crime) and not what Raviv told Amir (potential incitement to murder). The latter issue speaks to the more important matters from a public perspective, namely: what were Raviv's orders, to what extent did he overstep them, and were the orders themselves illegal or irresponsible.

If these questions are not addressed, let alone resolved by the Raviv trial, the GSS will remain under a cloud and an important part of the public need for truth and accountability will remain unsatisfied. Other parts, such as examining the role of those who provided religious inspiration for Amir's deed, remain ahead, and will be even more painful to explore.



It's still a sow's ear

MOSHE ARENS

This time cabinet secretary Dan Naveh really outdid himself. From Wye Plantation, he jubilantly announced that the achievements of the Israeli negotiating team were without precedent. But you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

The Palestinian contribution to the Wye agreement consisted of warmed-over past commitments to fight terrorism and a retreat from some of the obligations they had taken upon themselves in the Oslo Accords. The Israeli contribution consisted of 40 percent of Judea and Samaria, including parts of the Judean Desert.

The Oslo Accords called for the extradition to Israel of Palestinians who had committed acts of murder against Israelis. At Wye, the Palestinians reneged, agreeing only that they would be imprisoned in areas under the control of the Palestinian Authority.

The revocation of the many parts of the Palestinian Covenant calling for the destruction of Israel was discussed at Wye for the umpteenth time. It was agreed that rather than PA Chairman Yasser Arafat convoking the Palestinian National Council, the body that adopted this infamous document, to formally repeal the relevant paragraphs, an invitation would be extended to members of the PNC as well as members of a number of other Palestinian social welfare and charitable organizations to attend a meeting in Gaza to be addressed by President Bill Clinton. Not a formal repeal of the offensive paragraphs by any means.

It may be that this is the best that Arafat can produce under the circumstances, but if this is the case there is reason to doubt the degree and extent of Palestinian commitment to real peace with Israel.

The only thing really new about Arafat's promise, heard so many times before, to actively pursue the fight against terrorism is the introduction of the CIA as observer, and maybe arbiter between Israel and the PA. Combating terrorism is actually not the CIA's line of work (it is the FBI that is charged with that task in the US), and it is not at all clear what their contribution, if any, is going to be.

The sad truth is that mass murder, such as suicide bombings on buses and in city squares, came into its own only after the IDF withdrawal from Gaza. In the balance, between areas turned over to the Palestinians serving as potential bases for planning, organizing, and launching acts of terror, and Arafat's ability to squash or control the terrorists in areas under his control, the last word has not been said.

ONE SHOULD not be surprised that the government's public relations wizards, from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Naveh, are attempting to "spin" the Wye agreement to make it seem an unparalleled achievement for Israel diplomacy. For those reluctant to swallow that, the telling argument they put forth is

that Labor Party negotiators would have done still worse.

In fact, this agreement seems acceptable only to those among us who believe that any agreement, no matter how deficient, is better than no agreement. And believe it or not, this is a view held by quite a few Israelis. If that view predominates in the negotiations on the third redeployment and thereafter in the permanent-status negotiations, it will be good news for Arafat.

This is the second agreement the Netanyahu government has concluded with the Palestinian Authority. The first, the Hebron Agreement, is hardly an unqualified success. The commitment made at the time by the Palestinian Authority to actively pursue the fight against terrorism was not implemented, while the IDF's redeployment in the area, effectively choking off development of the Jewish quarter, has left the Jewish community there in constant jeopardy.

The tactics of the Netanyahu government prior to going to Wye Plantation seem so deficient as to be beyond belief. The major bargaining chip, the readiness to give Arafat control over 40 percent of Judea and Samaria (including parts of the Judean Desert) was given away while Netanyahu and his negotiating team were still in Jerusalem. Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon's repeated announcements that this move portends a grave danger to national security, and that he

would not be able to support it, only served to draw attention to the fact that Israel's negotiating team would be arriving at Wye Plantation in a most weakened position.

Having dug themselves a hole they then valiantly attempted to climb out of it. Under these circumstances, they may have really succeeded in getting the best of what was a bad bargain to begin with.

By far the worse part of the Wye agreement is the transfer of parts of the Judean Desert to the PA. The government's attempts to camouflage this step by calling the area a "nature reserve" and referring to the region as the "Hebron foothills" seem to reflect an awareness that a serious error has been committed.

For many years there has been a wide national consensus that the Jordan Valley and the Judean Desert should constitute our eastern security border. Two holes have been punched into this line of defense against the potential danger of aggression from the east — the Labor government's foolhardy transfer of the Jericho region of the PA as part of the Oslo Accords, now followed by the Likud government's ceding parts of the Judean Desert.

The fact that Netanyahu, Arafat, and Clinton became a mutual admiration society at Wye is little consolation. The remaining hope is that this time Arafat will be really serious in fighting terrorism, and that meeting this commitment will not be made contingent on Israel giving in to all his future demands.

Demise of an illusion

ABBA EBAN

Realism is born when illusions die. The notion that it was ever possible for Israel to rule the entire area between the Golan Heights and the Suez Canal corrupted Israel's domestic and international relations for a whole decade. This illusion has now been shattered. It is very unlikely to be reborn.

There is a sad irony in the fact that a Likud decision at Wye Plantation ratified the demise of the most dangerous illusion in our nation's history. An Israeli expressed in the map of the Six Day War was always a fantasy. It was born in the context of the legitimate ecstasy which it provoked. The ecstasy was understandable. The "pragmatic" conclusions drawn from it were not.

The psychological effects of the illusion are still with us. They linger in the doctrines of some of the existing parties, and in the messianic longing which they still provoke, in the yellowing pages of ancient party platforms and — most

dangerously — in the dark world where vengeful designs are probably being concocted to this very day.

If these realities had been candidly faced, the nation would have made a frank inventory of its resources and reached the conclusion that its best course would have been to grasp that "territories for peace" was its only escape from its own inherent limitations. This would have led to a more regionally oriented diplomacy than that followed in the years of Likud domination.

The Wye solution furnished conclusive proof that, in the final resort, Israel would have to make the best it could from its relations with the neighboring world. The recourse of the Rabin-Peres leadership to the Arab-Moslem world was the heart and essence of realism. A nation that is rejected by all its neighbors can never have the

record of stability that is derived from distant friendships.

ISRAEL'S search for substitutes was restless and constant. In the early phase it sought the sponsorship of Britain. When this hope collapsed, the United Nations made a brief but vastly effective intervention, which it began by recognizing Israel.

For "one brief, shining moment" in the 1950s, France made available the aircraft with which Israel prevailed in the 1956 and 1967 wars. Since then the United States has sustained Israel with lavish economic and international support.

The rejection of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's initiative in 1996-98 nearly condemned the American-Israeli relationship to failure in the summer of 1998, but it was rescued at the last moment by Benjamin Netanyahu's

initiative at Wye Plantation.

The Wye agreement is totally focused on the Israeli-Palestinian accord. It has no other theme. At this writing, it will stand or fall by the evolution of the Israeli-Palestinian relationship. The Wye agreement was born and conceived as a sequel to Oslo; there is no reason for any supporter of the 1993 peace process to turn it down.

The map that originated in the 1967 war was a classical case of "over-extension." Israel was stretched far beyond its natural scope. The cease-fire map could only have been maintained by keeping armies with great striking force in a constant state of alert.

The 1973 war demonstrated that this was simply not feasible in economic or demographic terms. Israel could not have paid the price for such a broad dispersion of military effort — and yet our military posture was constantly invoked as the main argument in favor of the extended map.

Asphalt elephants

ELIHU RICHTER

Let them eat asphalt. Let them drink petrol. These are the bottom lines of Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's 1999 budget for Asphalt Zionism.

Billions for connecting roads for the Cross-Israel Highway, for bank guarantees and cost-plus guarantees for foreign contractors to cover operating losses of toll roads.

To pay for this megalomania, fiscal recklessness, increased road carnage, and environmental pollution, Neeman will rob the poor to pay the rich.

This means blocking the urban poor from buying their apartments, raising their bus fares, imposing shorter school days, larger classes, and higher university tuition for their kids, and cutting environmental protection and health insurance.

In his 1999 budget, the Cross-Israel Highway is the centerpiece of a policy in which rich prey on the poor, and the strong on the weak. Asphalt Zionism is social Darwinism reincarnated. Let there be more speed terror. Dr. Gary Ginsberg and I predicted that the highway will increase the nationwide death toll to as many as 1,100 victims a year before 2010 as a result of increased use of private cars and trucks, higher speed

limits and higher travel speeds, and speed addiction throughout the system.

Neeman has so far not demonstrated the humanity or wit to re-examine the destructive social and health impacts of his policies.

Asphalt Zionism already has produced its first world-class champion shlemiel, Ariel Sharon, who wants to strengthen Israeli control of Jerusalem. But as national infrastructure minister, he is responsible for Jerusalem becoming the only capital city in the world which cannot be reached by rail.

Both Sharon, the father of the Cross-Israel Highway, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu have so far ignored a plea by the US Christian Political Action Committee for Israel to freeze building the Cross-Israel Highway and to revive the scenic Jerusalem-Tel Aviv rail line in time for tourists in 2000.

ASPHALT Zionism already has produced its first mom-and-pop sales hucksters. Meir Sheerit, the Likud Knesset whip, is leading the fight to stop the poor from buying the roofs over their heads. Mrs. Sheerit runs the public relations

firm lobbying for better terms for the toll road.

The Cross-Israel Highway and its connecting roads, even before paving, have already damaged social and public health.

First, more budgets for roads mean less for rail and buses, even though both mean less road deaths. The death risks per billion person-km. and ton-km. travel by rail are as low as 1/10 that of vehicle travel.

Second, roads are being paid for by cuts in budgets for education, health and social services, housing, universities, environmental protection, improved water quality, job training, and investment in start-up companies. Less education plus more asphalt equals a Third World asphalt republic. Neeman's Thatcherism will block upward mobility through education for the poor.

Third, forced reliance on private cars means the poor have less money for nutrition, education, health, and housing of their children.

The Cross-Israel Highway is tottering. I doubt it will be built. Global economic turmoil and a weaker shekel mean the public will have to cough up more money

to build it.

Martin Vallieres, a Montreal newspaper columnist, writes that Route 407, the twin toll road built in Ontario by John Beck, the highway's contractor, is "un elephant blanc pour les payeurs de taxes de l'Ontario." Speeds reach 150 kph-180 kph on its empty roads.

Students fighting for lower tuition, urban tenants fighting for the right to buy their apartments, and landowners fighting dispossession at below value prices for Asphalt Zionism should fight to block the pork-barrel guarantees and subsidies for these white elephants.

Now is the time to stop pouring asphalt. Stop Neeman from squandering budgets on roads and put them into education, mortgages for the new housing bill proposed by the social caucus, and more interurban rail and buses running on electricity and compressed gas. We need a first-class public transportation system that is equitable, safe, and comfortable.

The writer is a member of the Forum for Public Transportation, and heads the Bents Injury Prevention Project at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Public Health and Community Medicine.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INSENSITIVE REVIEW

Sir, — Adina Hoffman's critique of *Saving Private Ryan* (October 23) is most insensitive.

She writes "three brothers [killed] in one day? The made up situation, while possible, seems less than probable." This heart-wrenching loss happened to more than one American family — the most noted, the Sullivan brothers. All four brothers went down with their ship that was torpedoed by the Germans. After that tragedy, a law was passed that no two brothers could serve in the same unit.

Also, I must enlighten her about "the present day military cemetery."

It is the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach — a shrine and the last resting place of the over 9,000 men who fell in Normandy, more than 6,000 of them killed on D-Day.

I had the privilege of attending the 50th anniversary of the invasion on June 6, 1994 with my brother Brigadier-General Alvin D. Ungerleider and 450 veterans of the 29th Division. President Clinton ended his tribute by saying: "These men saved the world."

ANNETTE UNGERLEIDER

MARTIN

Kfar Shmaryahu.

MYTH OF TRUST

Sir, — In an "open letter" to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Chairman Yasser Arafat, "No excuses at Wye" (October 16), Ehud Barak recommended "a resumption of the mutual trust that characterized the negotiations under former prime ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres."

Barak may have his own reasons for perpetuating this myth, but the fact is that Rabin trusted Arafat (and Peres) about as far as my two-year-old grandson can throw a piano.

Under the Oslo Agreements, Rabin and Arafat had agreed that during the so-called five-year interim period, Arafat would not raise or discuss Palestinian sovereignty or statehood.

But hardly was the ink dry on the paper that Arafat double-crossed Rabin by mounting demands for the symbols of statehood. Samuel Segev, a prominent Israeli journalist, has reported that after leaving the Cairo conference, Rabin was "so disillusioned with Yasser Arafat that he didn't want to meet him again until all the details of an agreement were worked out."

Segev, in his book *Crossing the Jordan* added: "...building mutual confidence... proved to be more difficult than striking a deal between enemies."

IRVIN E. SCHERMER

Jerusalem.

BRILLIANT ROSENBLUM

Sir, — After reading Jonathan Rosenblum's article "Who is being messianic?" (October 30), all I can say is, "Brilliant."

I thought that I had read all there was to be read on the subject of Oslo. I was wrong. Rosenblum's analysis is by far the most succinct while being thoroughly enjoyable.

I have faxed the article to the four corners of the globe hoping that his rational approach to the topic will help shed some light on why at least half this country feels the way it does about peace.

TED S. KRAMER

Jerusalem.

CALL TO ARMS

Sir, — I was touched by the "immense distress and grief" felt by the Bostoner Rebbe as a result of the most recent peace agreement and so eloquently expressed in his letter to you, "Woe to us" (October 30).

I suggest that the rebbe might feel less distress and grief if he

were to instruct his followers in Israel to take up arms as part of the Israel Defense Forces, in the *milhemet mitzva* in which we find ourselves.

DAVID A. BENJAMIN

Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On November 6, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that Dr. J.L. Magnes, the Hebrew University Chancellor, announced the appointment of a committee to examine the existing position of the university which suffered from criticisms, possibly due to insufficient information.

1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported from Washington Premier Golda Meir's announcement that Israel would not permit more than 125 trucks to pass through its lines for the encircled Third Army until Egypt consents to a full exchange of POWs.

The government was considering a plan to ban the use of pri-

vate cars private cars for one day a week and to lower the maximum speed to save fuel.

Documents and photographs showing 12 bound Israelis shot by retreating Syrian soldiers had been handed over to the International Red Cross by the Army.

Alexander Zvielli

Not a dead duck, just a lame one

MARK A. HELLER

Contrary to popular belief, at least among those whose main preoccupation is saving Oslo, the American mid-term elections were not about how hard Bill Clinton will be able to lean on Israel over the next two years.

Ever since MonicaGate burst on the scene — though it seems forever, it's been less than a year — people on both sides of the Arab-Israeli divide have feared or hoped (depending on one's perspective) that a weakened American president would be unable to take an "active role" in the peace process, i.e. pressure the Israeli government to be more forthcoming.

Viewed through a Middle Eastern lens, the main issue in the election often seemed to be whether or not Republican gains in Congress would be large enough to move the impeachment process into high gear and thereby distract the president so that the Israeli government would be spared the encouraging words of a US administration eager to get the deal done.

But not only did the elections not strengthen Republican control of Congress, they actually ended in a draw in the Senate and a net Democratic gain in the House of Representatives.

For the first time in over 60 years, the party of a sitting president emerged stronger from off-year elections, and Democratic spin-doctors have already manipulated the "expectations game" to turn this into a tremendous victory.

So instead of producing a presidential dead duck, the elections have apparently produced a dead impeachment process. Since the Republicans will not have a filibuster-proof majority, the prospect of impeachment is virtually nonexistent, and since that outcome is precluded, there is very little likelihood of protracted and debilitating impeachment

hearings.

As a result, the president can go back to work, which many interpret to include resuming the pressure on Israel. At first glance, it might seem that those in this part of the world who feared a paralyzed president can breathe a sigh of relief, and those who hoped for one — especially in Israel — will have to start thinking about a fall-back position.

Unfortunately, all of this misses the main point, which is that the reinvigoration of Clinton is only relative, and that it is in any case not the major determinant of what Israel can or should do.

The Democrats' impressive showing seems to have violated an iron law of American politics — that the party in the White House always does poorly in off-year elections. But this does not mean that the whole historical pattern of American politics is now irrelevant.

PART OF that pattern is another iron law — that in the last half of his or her last term, the president (or any other office-holder) quickly starts to lose authority. In very short order, the incumbent is consigned to history and the most important question is: Who comes next?

So while the elections have not made Bill Clinton a dead duck, they will soon turn him into a lame one.

Moreover, the Democratic victory should not obscure the fact that the Republicans still control both houses of Congress and chair every committee and subcommittee in them. This means that even if the likelihood of impeachment is effectively eliminated, there will still be a lot of wheeling and dealing before MonicaGate can be made to go away.

The Republicans have to be more careful than before about how they play this, lest the Democrats portray them in the next elections as the party that sabotaged the real business of government to pursue a vendetta over an issue that is clearly of little interest to most of the American public. Still, the administration will have to take congressional reaction into account in everything it does, including foreign policy.

But the most important qualification is that the real determinant of what Israel and the Palestinians should or will do is not American pressure, or the lack of it, but the more proximate reality of the Israeli-Palestinian relationship on the ground.

Because of the danger of bilateral regression over the last two years, the US has become a critical component in what is increasingly a trilateral relationship, and its positions need to be taken into account. But the elections do not really change anything fundamental. The US will not walk away from the process, nor will it impose anything on anyone, regardless of whether the president is stronger or weaker in the coming months.

For Israel, what still matters most is Israel's own reading of the consequences for peace and security and stability and prosperity at home if Oslo becomes a dead duck.

If opinion polls are to be believed, the public has already made up its mind. For a brief moment after the signing of Wye Memorandum, it seemed that the government, too, had finally reached the same conclusion.

But the verbal and political contortions since then have begun to resemble a soap opera, and the opera, as everyone knows, is not over until the fat lady sings.



MATT ROSENZWEIG

America's security umbrella

GERALD M. STEINBERG

ment would view "with particular gravity" threats to Israel's security "arising from the regional

Israel is not going to give up or weaken its own deterrent capability, but US backing can serve as an insurance policy

deployment of ballistic missiles." In more substantive terms, the MOU provides for prompt consultation "with respect to what support, diplomatic, or otherwise, assistance" the US can provide to Israel.

Although not a guarantee of American protection or direct military involvement, this agreement would seem to reflect an increased level of deterrence against threats from Iran, Iraq, or any other state in the Middle East. Israel is not going to give up or weaken its own deterrent capability, or acquiesce in transferring the responsibility for its survival to another power,

but the backing from the US can serve as an insurance policy.

IN ADDITION, the agreement commits the US to "enhancing Israel's defensive and deterrent capabilities" and upgrading "the framework of the US-Israel strategic and military relationships, as well as the technological cooperation between them."

For this MOU to be effective, and to provide an additional layer of security for Israel, these words must be backed-up with visible actions and preparations at different levels of the US government. In contrast, if the Americans, and the Clinton administration in particular, continue to be perceived in many parts of the Middle East as "paper tigers," the extension of the deterrent umbrella on behalf of Israel will not be very useful.

To the degree that the US can restore its image as the only remaining superpower — able and willing to act around the world to prevent rogue states from obtaining or using missiles and weapons of mass destruction — this will improve the credibility of the pledges to come to the aid of Israel.

At the same time, as a result of the MOU, it should be more difficult for US officials at various levels to dismiss Israeli intelligence

assessments and threat perceptions. For example, the officials who are responsible for dealing with Russia will have to give higher priority to efforts to pressure Moscow to block military assistance to Iran.

The first test of the improved Israeli-American strategic relationship is likely to focus on Iraq. The missiles and the chemical and biological warheads that Saddam Hussein has been able to hide from the UN inspectors are still a threat to Israel. The question is whether, in developing its responses to Iraq, the US will consult with Israel and take Israeli perspectives into account.

Since 1996, the US has allowed the Iraqi dictator to push the UN arms inspectors further and further away from the weapons that they are supposed to monitor. The policy makers have responded to criticism and charges of weakness by claiming that they are waiting until the international climate will support a major military attack, aimed at destroying Saddam's power base.

If the US intends to act to restore its credibility, the next two months will be critical. American success in coercing Iraq into giving up its illicit weapons will enhance deterrence throughout the region, and put some meat into this aspect of the MOU with Israel.

Middle Israel

AMOTZ ASA-EL

The missing coin

Asked once by a student how to get started on a political career, Harry Truman retorted: "Considering that you're spending someone else's money — you already have."

So have our self-styled student reformers who are busy these days ringing our ears with screeching car horns, dazzling our minds with pseudo-messianic chatter, and stuffing our nostrils with spoonfuls of vintage Israeli political cynicism.

I once knew a true student rebel: Fei Che, my classmate at Columbia University. Having been sent, as a correspondent for state-run TV, to cover the Tiananmen Square demonstrations, he suddenly abandoned the censor's instructions and interviewed students, parents, and passersby as they openly attacked the government, the army, and even communism itself.

Her friends in the station, at the same time, enthusiastically followed suit and aired the footage *unedited*, in its entirety.

Ultimately, when machine guns cracked across the square and flooded it with innocents' blood, Fei managed to flee China, thus avoiding the executions which awaited some of her friends. "I am here," she later said wryly in her Morningside Heights apartment, "but my baby — Dalin — is stranded there."

Then, lifting her eyes toward the Hudson she reminisced: "The nicest moment was just before the massacre. The sun was setting above our Goddess of Freedom statue, softly caressing it with pinkish broad brushes; for a moment, the future seemed ours to keep."

Fortunately, Erez, Avi, Rafi, and the rest of the dudes leading our current student upheaval do not face the kind of danger braved by the likes of Fei; not because they are not made up of heroic material, but because their condition is as far from tragic as Mt. Scopus is from Hurricane Mitch. In fact — the demonstrators' questionable handling by the police notwithstanding — in confronting the establishment, our student rebels risk nothing. If anything, this artificial clash can be for them a golden springboard from which to embark on the kind of big-league political careers launched by previous student activists, from Haim Ramon to Tzahi Hanegbi.

Our students could have won Middle Israel's sympathy had they championed a host of worthwhile universal causes, if even ones not nearly as noble, dramatic, or romantic as the freedom which Fei and her colleagues so sorely lacked, and which Israelis enjoy in famous abundance.

To effectively convince us that theirs is a genuinely social crusade, the students can, for instance, flock to work with and live among Ethiopian children: in their neighborhoods rent is a little cheaper than in Jerusalem's Rehavia and Tel Aviv's Shenkin, where they typically tend to gravitate.

They could also hug the elderly community, where there is always room for a little more warmth and attention, including that of the fiscal sort, with which our shabby versions of Daniel Cohn-Bendit are so infatuated. The students can also volunteer — if even for the sake of protest — to work in our chronically understaffed hospitals.

But our student leaders, just like the rest of our myriad pressure groups, vested interests, and lack-

luster politicians, prefer to embrace that morally unjustified, intellectually unimaginative, and financially unaffordable give-me-more cause.

WE JEWS need no encouragement when it comes to studying. On the one hand, ours is the two-millennia-old mind-set of Rabbi Shimon Ben-Shetah, who made elementary education compulsory, thus transferring that responsibility from the household to the state.

On the other hand, we also carry the myth of Hillel the Elder who — back when he was a college junior — age 20 centuries ago — climbed atop Shemaya's and Avtalyon's academy in Jerusalem, attached his ear to its rooftop and, with snow piling on his back all night, drank in the wisdom of the sages beneath him.

Hillel couldn't enter the academy that frosty evening because he lacked the coin one had to pay upon entry. After being found in the morning semiconscious, Hillel's dedication resulted in a personal tuition exemption; but the charge itself was left intact.

Now, momentarily lacking the same old coin, Hillel's later-day heirs want you and me to finance their acquisition of law, engineering, or business degrees before they storm the private sector and use them as springboards for highly lucrative careers. I am prepared to do that, but only for the Hillels among them. The rest must treat their studies like any other investment which one does not make unless it is bound to yield a profit.

If anything, the NIS 4.8 billion with which we taxpayers are showering the higher education system this year alone is prohibitive and, along with other state activities, would stand to be slashed if only Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's tax cut plan were allowed to pass.

Lower taxes, to be sure, would leave a lot more available income in most students' and parents' pockets, thus enabling them to much more comfortably finance things like higher education.

Yet our students are headed in the opposite direction. While hollering personal slurs into loudspeakers outside Neeman's office, they in effect not only tolerate but even aggrandize and perpetuate the kind of statism that in the first place makes them be less affluent than they might otherwise have been. Ironically, the same Neeman they see as anathema should have been their ultimate hero.

Now, not only do the students shun a free-marketplace like Neeman, they also embrace a budget gobbler like Knesset Finance Committee chairman Avraham Ravid, unabashedly hoping to mobilize hardi political clout in passing the national budget.

If they really care about equality, as they so pompously claim, the students should demand that hardi higher education be exposed to at least the minimal market forces which affect the universities, and shoulder at least some of the reserve duty which burdens our students.

Surely, some of the seven state-funded universities' 110,000 students are as heroic as Fei Che, as curious as Hillel, and as socially conscious as France's 1968 campus rebels. But they are not their leaders, whose role models are apparently Israel's small-time politicians, whose idea of change boils down to a late-night retail bargaining with a Treasury official, culminating in the grabbing of yet another unearned coin.

Yigal Amir: Religious fanatic or Zionist?

No one, until now, has tried to pin the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin on the hardi community. And for good reason.

The very traits for which the hardim are ridiculed make them unlikely assassins. The standard Zionist caricature pictures them as essentially unchanged from their European forebears, who bowed and scraped before the local landowner. (As we all find ourselves shuffling before the American hegemon, that critique has become more muted.)

Hardim are disdained for their passivity; their trust in God, not their own might, to right every wrong; and their reliance on their rabbinic leaders for guidance on every crucial life decision. Unreconstructed "gafni Jews."

Alex Auswaks thus broke new ground in last week's *Magazine* when he charged the "ultra-Orthodox" with complicity in the Rabin assassination.

Describing the national mood preceding the assassination, he writes that the increasing radicalization of the ultra-Orthodox obscured the lines between them and religious Zionists. The settlers and the hardim, in his account, were the two groups who regarded Oslo as an ideological challenge.

Auswaks' portrait is nonsense. Oslo did not narrow the gap in the ideological perspective between reli-

gious Zionists and hardim. With the possible exception of Habad, hardim were conspicuous by their absence at the demonstrations following Oslo.

Hardim were not ideologically challenged by Oslo. True, they were deeply pained by the loss of parts of the Promised Land. And they tended to be critical of the Oslo process as a threat to Jewish lives. But they never believed that the ultimate disposition of the Land has anything to do with the actions of this Israeli government or that.

From their theological perspective, the real tragedy is that God is taking the Land back from the Jewish people. And their solution, as always, is directed inward: Make ourselves once again worthy of possessing the Land.

Certainly they have no difficulty finding causes for divine displeasure within their world and without.

For religious Zionism, of course, the matter was far different. The religious Zionist claim that the Jewish people have entered the climactic era in Jewish history is predicated on the theological significance of the creation of the State of Israel and renewed Jewish sovereignty over the Land. When that same state became the instrument for giving back the Land, the theological tension became unbearable. Someone was bound to snap and conclude that the state

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had fallen into the hands of usurpers.

Yigal Amir rejected the defining hardi concept of *da'at Torah* when he boasted, "I consulted no rabbis. Anyone who knows me, knows I am an independent-minded person."

Amir's heinous crime was hardly the anomaly in Zionist history it is portrayed as being

The view that great Torah scholars are the natural leaders of the Jewish people and that any action with profound consequences for the entirety of the Jewish people must pass their scrutiny belongs, for Amir, to the Exile. Rabbis are for deciding issues of dairy and meat mixtures.

BUT IF Amir's heinous crime had no basis in hardi theology or sociology, it was hardly the anomaly in Zionist history it is portrayed as being. Rabbi Chaim Soloveitchik is said to have commented on an early Zionist promise to reclaim the Land by any and all means, "Jews will kill

Jews." That prophecy was soon fulfilled.

In 1924, Prof. Ya'acov Yisrael DeHaan, a brilliant Dutch jurist who acted as a *de facto* "foreign minister" for the old Yishuv of Jerusalem, was killed on the eve of his departure for England for discussions with British Mandatory authorities.

Prior to the assassination, the Zionist press had accused DeHaan of being a national traitor and the Va'ad Haleumi posted denunciations of his proposed visit to London as an act of treason. *Al Hamishmar* lamented, "We do not yet possess the power of an independent nation to judge traitors. But if we did, we would be obligated to impose the strictest punishment upon him."

Yehuda Slutsky, the official historian of the Hagana, identified the assassin as Avraham Tehomi, acting on orders of the Hagana high command. To the end, Tehomi remained unrepentant. In a television interview with Shlomo Nakdimon, co-author with Shaul Mazlish of *DeHaan: The First Political Murder in Eretz Yisrael*, Tehomi insisted that DeHaan had to be eliminated. He added that no Hagana action took place in Jerusalem at that time without the express order of Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, later Israel's second president.

After the assassination, the Histadrut journal *Ha'olam* foreshadowed Yigal Amir by justifying the murder with copious citations of halachic authorities.

Nor was assassination a forbidden tool in intra-Zionist disputes. David Ben-Gurion records in his diary threats on his life by one of the leaders of Hashomer Hatza'ir, and two Hashomer members shot and wounded Yosef Leshinsky, an activist in the anti-Turkish Nili organization.

The best-known instance of Jews killing Jews in internal Zionist struggles is, of course, the sinking of the *Altalena*. Long after the ship had sunk, Palmah forces kept up their fire on those in the water in the hopes of killing Menachem Begin. Sixteen Jews died as a result.

In his memoirs, the Palmah commander recalled his feelings at that time: "Jews shooting Jews — over a prolonged period. Jews injured and killed by the bullets of other Jews. But my heart is at peace with the decision of Ben-Gurion."

Moshe Beilinson, one of the few Zionist leaders to condemn the DeHaan assassination, wrote at the time, "Blood always draws in its wake more blood. Blood is always avenged. If we start once on this path, we can not know where it may lead."

If only his words had been heeded.

Fifty years of helping kids in need.



1948. Two muddy little girls outside their tent at a Jerusalem immigrant camp (ma'abara). Sights like this prompted Helen Rossi to start The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund.

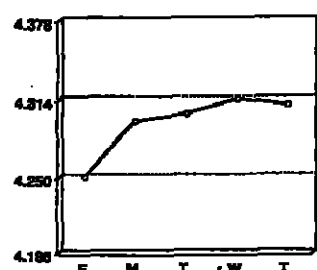


To celebrate its Jubilee, the fund will be holding a charity dinner on November 17th at the Bible Lands Museum. To order tickets and send donations please call 02-5376528.

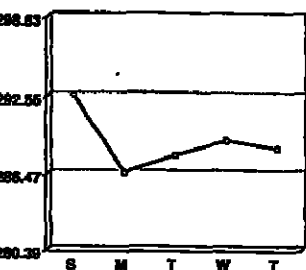
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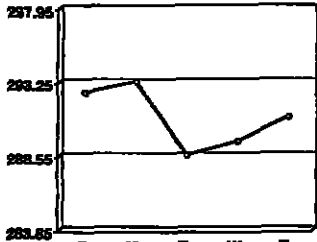


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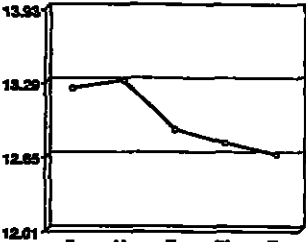
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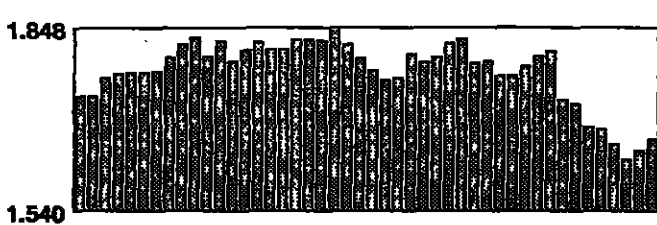


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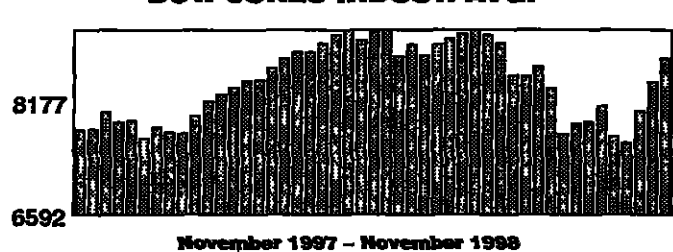
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Write-off will cost company \$62m. Scitex to divest digital video unit

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Scitex Corporation yesterday announced it intends to exit the digital video business - a move which will cost the company some \$62.7 million.

The Herzliya-based developer of printing equipment said that the sum is comprised of a \$49.7m. provision for the write-off of Scitex Digital Video (SDV) and a \$13m. write down to market price of the investment in US-based digital video graphics equipment maker Truevision, which is traded on Nasdaq.

The announcement was included in Scitex's third-quarter report in

which the company registered a loss of \$9.8m. compared with a profit of \$6.5m. during the comparable period a year ago. The company, which returned to the black only last quarter, attributed it mainly to a \$6.2m. loss incurred by SDV, and added that revenues excluding \$6.5m. of SDV fell slightly from \$156m. to \$150m.

Scitex president and CEO Yoav Chelouche said that the company hopes to sell the digital video unit and is currently holding negotiations with several parties. He added that he hopes the deal would be completed before the end of the year.

Analysts said that the move was

inevitable.

"Buying the unit was a strategic mistake," said Shai Weinberg of Solid Financial Markets. "They entered a field they didn't understand and could not compete with strong companies which already operated in it." He estimated that Scitex won't receive more than \$15m. for SDV. "I would have sold it for one shekel since this unit is a burden on the company's effort to return to profitability."

Following the completion of the sell-off Scitex will be a more focussed company with new market leading products, according to Weinberg.

The digital video unit is the

smallest of Scitex's three business units and had revenues of \$58m. in 1997, which is equal to some 9% of the company's income.

SDV, which is based in California and employs 200 workers, is active in digital video editing in real time and image editing including special effect in television broadcasting.

The unit was formed in 1995 following the purchase of ImMIX and Abekas in 1994 and 1995 respectively from UK-based Carlton Communications. It received last year the prestigious Emmy Award for outstanding achievement in technological advancement. Its special effects

technology is used by major broadcasters worldwide including ABC, CBS, NBC, BBC, ESPN and HBO.

For the first nine months of 1998, Scitex reported a net loss of \$117m. compared to a net loss of \$5.1 million for the first nine months of 1997. Revenues were \$463m. up 2% from \$452m. at the same period in 1997.

Chelouche said that the company intends to raise its activity in Europe and the US while shrinking its activity in the Far East. He added, that despite the fact that Scitex will have to continue with its cost cutting efforts there are no plans for wholesale job cuts.

UK cuts rate 0.5%

By ASHLEY SEAGER

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain yesterday became the fifth European country to lower interest rates this week, as the Bank of England cut its key short-term repo rate by a larger-than-expected half point to 6.75 percent.

The Bank's Monetary Policy Committee, which has been under pressure from business leaders and unions to lower borrowing costs, said it was cutting rates for the second month in a row because of a slowdown in domestic and international growth.

The move by the BoE, which had been expected to match October's quarter-point reduction, followed cuts in Denmark yesterday and in Portugal, Spain, and Sweden earlier in the week.

Interest rates have been cut around the globe since the Federal Reserve, the US central bank, cut the cost of borrowing on September 29 in response to a global economic downturn that has pushed a quarter of the world into recession.

Germany's Bundesbank, however, resisted heavy political pressure from the country's new center-left government to cut rates by leaving its key rates steady.



Meet the Bundesbank

Hans Tietmeyer (left), president of the Bundesbank, the German central bank, and new Finance Minister Oscar Lafontaine pose for the press prior to yesterday's meeting of the bank's policy-setting council in Frankfurt. Lafontaine has repeatedly demanded the Bundesbank cut its rates to create new jobs.

(AP)

IEC prefers Gad Ze'evi for private electric plant

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Haifa businessman Gad Ze'evi's IIEP partnership is the Israel Electric Corporation's preferred candidate to operate the planned 370 megawatt electricity generation plant at Ramat Hovav in the Negev, IEC announced yesterday.

Ze'evi, who recently purchased Clal Trading, will have to await a court ruling to find out if he can operate the country's largest private generator. The problem occurred during the earlier tender stages, when the legal nature of the Ze'evi group was changed from one stage to another. IEC has asked the courts to rule on the issue.

A further legal issue to be resolved is the binding nature of the arrangement between IEC and the successful bidder - a matter that will be resolved by a business limitations court.

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

There is no way the cabinet will approve Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's proposed tax reform, Science Minister Silvan Shalom told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Shalom, a former general manager of the Israel Electric Corporation, is considered an economically oriented politician and an aspiring finance minister.

"This program has no chance of being passed in the cabinet or the Knesset in its present form," said Shalom, who described various elements of the package as being "too sweeping, too pretentious, and incorrect."

Neeman's proposals, currently

Shalom: Tax reform won't pass

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

lying on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's desk, call for a reduction of the combined 60 percent to which the income, health, and National Insurance taxes currently add up, to a combined 35%. To fund the NIS 10 billion-NIS 11b. revenue cut, Neeman is looking to roughly halve the estimated NIS 20b. worth of existing tax breaks, whether in number or size.

Shalom's key concern is that major sections of the reform will lead to a reduction in savings, particularly in the short term, which in turn would damage the economy.

"Short-term savings are the only thing that can keep money away from returning to the cycle of consumption and inflation," he said.

"The measures can also harm the capital markets, which are already on the verge of collapse."

Neeman must adjust his policies "to fit in with economic realities and considerations," he added. "Many times now, the Treasury has put forward impractical, sweeping proposals and on each occasion they've fallen on their face."

On Wednesday, Neeman told the Knesset. "What I have seen here has finally persuaded me that it is forbidden to bring to the Knesset proposals of this nature because the Knesset will accept all the reductions [in payments], but will not find the source for funding."

"Only if there is consensus in this Knesset allowing for a majority in

favor of implementing these changes will I bring them before the Knesset."

Earlier in the week, Treasury revenue chief Tsipi Galyam said the overhaul of the tax system will not be introduced before Neeman's self-imposed January 1 deadline.

If and when Neeman's proposals become law, the reduction from 60% to 35% will be carried out over three years, according to Galyam. The first stage will be to the realm of 40%-42%, with just under half the NIS 7b. funding for that coming from a simultaneous cut in tax benefits. The remainder is planned to come from renewed economic growth.

All new PCs to have Windows 98 in Hebrew

By JUDY SIEGEL

Since yesterday, all new IBM-compatible personal computers sold here will come equipped with the Hebrew version of Windows 98, which was unveiled yesterday in Tel Aviv by Microsoft-Israel.

Managing director Arye Scop, said at a press conference that the potential market for an upgrade includes 300,000 homes with computers that can handle Windows 98 (nearly 150,000 PCs are too old and don't have enough memory or other hardware to

accommodate it).

In addition, half of the 100,000 PCs in educational institutions and 60,000 of the 150,000 PCs used in organizations and businesses would benefit by a Windows 98 Hebrew upgrade.

Microsoft-Israel's team spent many man-hours completely translating the operating system into Hebrew, and it has been released to computer importers and shops nearly five months after the English-language original appeared in the US.

Although Microsoft President Bill Gates made headlines last summer when the new Windows version embarrassingly failed to operate a scanner at the unveiling ceremony, the Hebrew version functioned well at the local unveiling.

Lior Tsoref, a Microsoft-Israel developer who demonstrated the program, said it would take Windows 95 veterans a bit of time

to get used to the new version (the Start menu runs up the right side of the screen, rather than the left), but he insisted that "they will be very pleased with it."

Some 300 experienced computer users were given the beta version of the program - and sworn to secrecy - so they could give the company feedback about bugs.

Windows 98 has a feature called FAT-32 that compresses data on the hard disk and saves much space - which is especially useful to those with older computers who are short on disk space and aren't ready to buy a new one.

The program provides full support for digital video disk equipment, which few people have now but which will allow the viewing of high-resolution video films on your computer screen. Scop said the new version also improves the graphic quality of games and greatly eases the installation of peripheral equipment, such as speakers, scanners, and printers. Interactivity with the Internet and between the Internet and Windows programs is also much improved.

The new operating system tells users when their hard disk is getting full and advises on what data can be safely erased; it also reminds the user to back up files, or automatically backs them up to prevent loss in a disk "crash."

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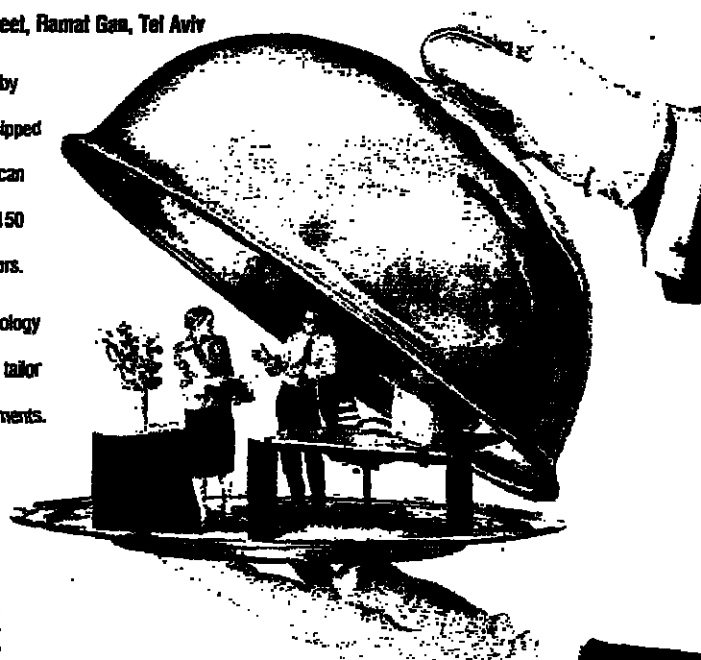
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A patchy deal can easily unravel

The Wye agreement was reached with the help of secret US letters and assurances – but these may end up doing more harm than good, Danna Harman reports

Some 20 years ago, on the last day of the Camp David talks, the Israeli negotiating team was sitting in the billiard room when they suddenly realized they had a problem. It started when Israeli ambassador to Washington Simcha Dinitz asked to see the contents of the manila envelope held by secretary of state Cyrus Vance. Inside was the draft of a US assurance to Egyptian president Anwar Sadat stating that Washington considered Jerusalem part of the occupied territories.

Dinitz, defense minister Ezer Weizman and foreign minister Moshe Dayan marched into the dining room to inform prime minister Menachem Begin, who was having a leisurely brunch with Aliza. "Pack your bags," said the prime minister to his wife – unwittingly introducing one of the most useful Mideast negotiating tools – "... there are terrible things going on that have been kept secret."

At the end of the day, after arduous hours of arguing and explaining, the crisis was resolved. The Americans reworded the letter, Aliza unpacked, Sadat told Egypt that he had assurances with regard to Jerusalem. Begin maintained there had been no mention of Jerusalem in the official agreement.

Thanks to a certain amount of goodwill, an agreement to disagree, and the ability to ignore promises made to the other side, the Camp David Accords were signed the following morning.

Verbal agreements and side assurances are par for the course in negotiations. Their benefit is obvious when parties don't want, or can't afford, to have their concessions written down in black and white. But there are also inherent problems. The content of these agreements, by definition, is more delicate and explosive; they are often kept secret and are sometimes contradictory, and they usually leave room for misinterpretation.

Did the Palestinians at Wye promise verbally to arrest 30 fugitives and include that commitment as an appendix to their security working plan? The Israeli negotiators say yes. The Palestinian team says no. The Americans, who received the Palestinian working paper without such an appendix and initially pronounced it complete, eventually changed their minds and agreed that "something

was missing." The Israelis dug out their minutes, the Palestinians dug out theirs and the Americans scrambled. Meanwhile, the cabinet ministers, who were meant to convene to ratify the accord, were put on hold, and Week 1 of the carefully planned timetable was spent on mutual recriminations.

The experience, all in all, served to draw attention to major problems with the agreement, and certainly does not bode well for the future.

SITTING at the same walnut conference table where Sadat and Begin sat two decades before them, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat signed the historic Wye document with grand fanfare. The band played, the gilded chandeliers sparkled. President Bill Clinton smiled in relief and exhausted Americans and Middle Easterners patted each other on the back, exchanged niceties and went home.

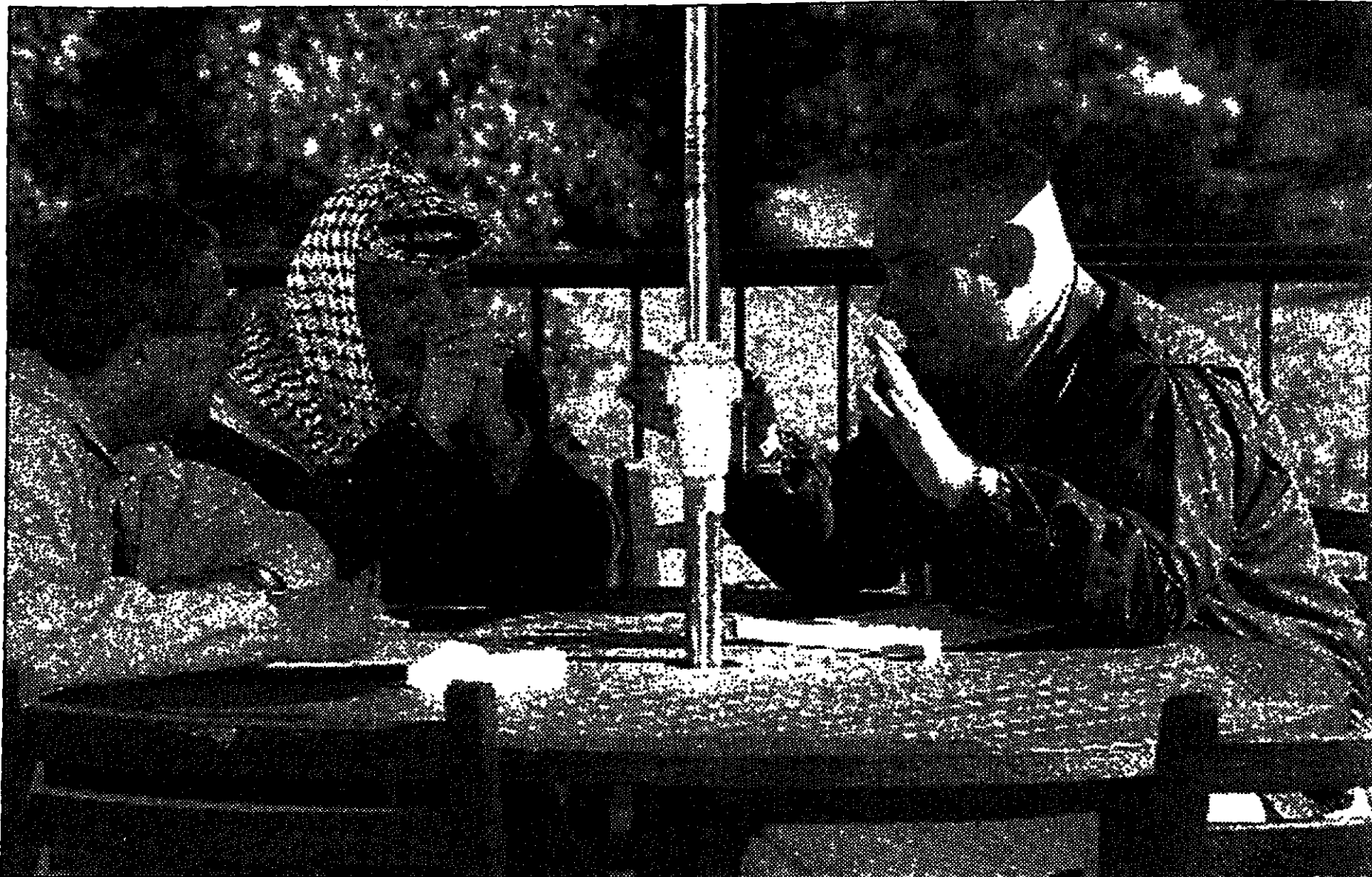
Both leaders knew the battle wasn't over, but it must have looked different from the banks of the Potomac.

Back in Jerusalem, with settlers yelling "traitor," top ministers pointing out problems with each and every clause of the agreement and members of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee bonding in disgust over his office's translation efforts, Netanyahu must finally have realized what a hard sell he had on his hands.

If anyone could empathize, it was probably Netanyahu's partner Arafat, facing Hamas threats to his life in Gaza, protests in Ramallah, ongoing corruption scandals – and still unable to fly away from it all from his own airport.

Both leaders realized the need to convince their publics that the deal reached at Wye was going to make life better, and both went about it the same way – assuring skeptics that there was much more to the agreement than met the eye, while freely interpreting the sections everyone could see.

"They were negotiating for 39 hours under an enormous amount of pressure and with no rest," said one US official. "Do you think this is conducive to reaching an agreement with dotted 'i's and crossed 't's? If they had stopped to delve



Both leaders (Arafat's translator at left) knew the battle was far from finished: But if anyone could empathize with the hard sell Netanyahu faced back home it was his peace partner, who had to deal with Hamas threatening his life in Gaza and protests in Ramallah – and still could not fly away from it all from his own airport. (AP)

into the details they would have never reached the walnut table."

THE matters standing between the Palestinians and the Israelis, however, are much greater than a dotted "i."

The capture and imprisonment of the fugitives is of cardinal importance to Netanyahu. Prisoner release and the opening of the safe passage routes are critical matters to Arafat.

Other crucial issues have also been left up in the air, including the question of the maps of the first and second redeployment, the scope of the third withdrawal, the number of Palestinian policemen allowed on the force and the confiscation of arms. Reciprocity when it comes to Israeli extremists, Israel's settlement building policy and Arafat's looming threat to declare a state on May 4 are also unsettled problems.

The memorandum fails to lay specific guidelines, leaving the work up to US letters of assurance

(one to each side), US side letters (two to the Palestinians, five and counting to the Israelis) and the innumerable verbal understandings – now transpiring to be more like misunderstandings.

WHILE implementation is bound to run into problems at every stage, the next probable major pothole is the matter of the Palestinian Covenant. The question at hand is which body will uphold a January letter written by Arafat to Clinton promising that the 26 sections of the covenant that call for Israel's destruction will be nullified.

The Israeli understanding is that the PNC will convene to vote on the nullification. The Palestinians, however, say that the PLO Executive Committee and the Palestinian Central Council will meet to do this. The Palestinian National Council, say the Palestinians, will meet only to express general "support of the peace process."

Trade and Industry Minister Nathan Sharansky, who played a key role in negotiating the covenant issue at Wye, claims the Palestinians were backpedaling.

"I was present in all the negotiations on this matter," says the minister, "and it is crystal clear as to what was decided upon. They know exactly what was agreed and it is very important that they do not change the story. Only a vote in the PNC is acceptable to us."

The memorandum itself leaves the matter ambiguous, and the separate side letters sent by the US to each side reportedly do not match.

During the heated Channel 1 TV debate on Wednesday between Cabinet Secretary Dan Naveh and Palestinian spokesman Ahmed Tibi, the men read totally different renditions of the very same section of the very same document.

"If you are saying that the PNC will not vote on the charter, we may as well give up the whole process right here," yelled Naveh. To which a screaming Tibi retorted: "What vote, what vote? Never."

THE crises over the list of fugitives and the PNC convention not only draw attention to the problems inherent in side letters and verbal agreements, they highlight another problematic matter – namely the

US role in the whole story.

According to the agreement, the Americans will be playing a very significant part in seeing the deal through. The CIA will be the "fact collectors" in charge of overseeing and monitoring the implementation. They will report directly to the State Department, which, in turn, will serve as mediator, making judgment calls based on the facts received.

The CIA forces are already here, buying ice cream at the corner shop in Ramallah, poring over fugitive lists in Gaza City and typing up reports in Nablus. US special envoy Dennis Ross and his team are also getting into place, having packed enough clean shirts to last them a while. Many Israelis and Palestinians, however, are skeptical about the Americans' ability to play their prescribed role.

"When I say the CIA is not to be trusted, I have something to base that assessment on," said a senior official at the Prime Minister's Office. "They have a clear record of failure – in India, in Kosovo, in Somalia, you name it. They are naive and will never know the difference between Mohammed in

jail and his cousin Ahmed in jail."

Scott Ritter, the former UN weapons inspector in Iraq who quit after charging that the Americans were turning a blind eye to Iraqi activities, said that while he trusted the CIA, he was concerned that the State Department – whose main objective is to keep the process going – "won't let the facts get in the way of keeping the ball rolling."

The Palestinians have different concerns.

"Arafat is overestimating Clinton's ability to play a role in this process," said one Palestinian observer. "Clinton may be angry with Netanyahu, he may even be rude to him – but that does not mean that he can tell him what to do."

"The Israelis, who have their own security forces and their own judgment-makers, will simply disregard the US rulings if they don't think they are right."

But a senior US official said in response: "This is not going to be a football match with us handing out red cards and yellow cards and pulling out certain players. We are going to try and get the sides to work things out."

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An old-new Congress and the Israel-US equation

Will this week's congressional election results impact on the Mideast peace process?
Hillel Kuttler in Washington looks at the long and short term

The faces betrayed their shock. On television screens on all the networks Tuesday night, Republicans, Democrats and pundits alike responded to the congressional election results as if the Democrats had avenged the Republicans' unexpected takeover of 1994 and retaken both chambers.

In fact, the Democrats fared much more modestly, netting five additional seats in the House of Representatives and none in the Senate. But in politics, context is everything.

Against the backdrop of Kenneth Starr's report on the Clinton-Lewinsky affair just seven weeks earlier - and amid predictions of a serious bleeding of seats in the House and Senate - the Democrats' gains qualified as monumental and, in the party's eyes, represent a turning point toward retaking the House (where they now trail 223-111, with one independent), possibly in the very next election.

The Democrats' showing nearly qualified as an upset, given the history that in mid-term (nonpresidential) elections the president's party usually loses seats. In the Senate, the Democrats avoided what they'd most feared, a Republican gain of five seats for the 60 needed to prevent any Democratic filibustering. Instead, the GOP ended where it began, with a 55-45 margin.

The direct effect of the elections on American-Israeli, or even on congressional-Israeli, relations is negligible, according to experts on and off Capitol Hill. Approximately 90 percent of the members of the 105th Congress are returning for the 106th, so there is stability in numbers following the record turnovers in the four previous elections.

The lawmakers in the next session, however, will be the first to have to confront the Middle East peace process issues in a practical rather than theoretical or ideological manner - and they will have to do so almost immediately. An open question is how members, old and new, respond as the Wye accord takes root and the May 4, 1999, conclusion of the interim period nears.

"The importance of this election is that there wasn't the kind of volatility we've seen in elections this decade, which enabled the

members of the pro-Israel community to spend time with key members of Congress to deepen relationships, particularly in light of the critical issues we'll be facing this Congress: implementation of the Wye accord, the start of final-status talks, and meeting the challenge of the growing threats from Iraq and Iran," said Howard Kohr, executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee lobbying group.

BASED on a dozen interviews with political observers, what follows are expectations of some of the long- and short-term results of Tuesday's elections:

• **Bill Clinton:** The greatest questions of all are what becomes of President Clinton now, and was Tuesday also a referendum on Americans' distaste for the Republicans' impeachment proceedings?

For now, Clinton is the Big Winner of Tuesday's vote. The election could not have come at a better time for Clinton, interrupting whatever momentum the House Judiciary Committee established in September when it voted to pursue an inquiry into impeaching the president over possibly illegal conduct surrounding his affair with intern Monica Lewinsky.

Extrapolating local election results to draw conclusions on Clinton is a risky business, experts said. But Americans indicated in polls over the past two months that while they distrust Clinton and find his conduct abhorrent, they do not want him removed from office. If Republicans fail to heed that sentiment and appear to muscle an impeachment vote anyway, they risk the voters' wrath being visited upon them in two years. In 2000, the stakes will be much higher than now, affecting both the GOP's White House prospects and its current hold on the House and Senate. Assuming the president survives the impeachment process, said an AIPAC official, "in terms of foreign policy, you have to ask: Is the president strengthened? Strengthened to do what?"

• **PRESIDENTIAL front-runners:**



A victorious George W. Bush, eyeing the year 2000: Though unfamiliar with the Middle East, he has been building bridges with the Jewish community - and is visiting here soon. (AP)

Vice President Al Gore and Texas governor George W. Bush, who won reelection Tuesday, emerged big winners with an eye toward 2000.

Israel, was a tireless campaigner for Democratic candidates across the country. He played a leading role in the defeat of Senator Alfonse D'Amato, the Republican from New York who was one of

Clinton's leading critics and who chaired the Whitewater hearings a few years ago. More of a mystery is Bush, the former owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team and son of

the former president. According to Jewish Texans, Bush is wholly unfamiliar with Middle Eastern affairs, which they say is to be expected given the office he holds.

But Bush has been building bridges with the Jewish community over the past two years. And, said Fred Zeidman of Houston, who has known Bush for seven years and raised funds for his gubernatorial races, he "knows if he rises to another position he's got to become more familiar" with the region.

To that end, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned, Bush plans to make his first visit to Israel later this month. The visit, which will also include either Egypt or Jordan, is geared toward establishing a base among Jews and developing Bush's international credentials, sources stated. It is being arranged by some of his major Jewish contributors.

• **THE Wye accord and final-status negotiations:** "On the Middle East, everyone will be wanting to see what happens with the May 4 deadline. They'll be more or less watching to see if the [Wye] accord is being implemented," said Marshall Wittmann, director of congressional relations at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank.

No sooner will members of the 106th Congress take their oaths of office than they'll be asked to consider the first item on the Wye agenda, which is: How much will Congress be asked to pay toward Israel's redeployment expenses and for Palestinian economic development? Clinton pledged to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat that he'd work with Congress on an aid package. The issue is also the first item on AIPAC's to-do list.

"Then the question is: Where is the money going to come from, given the limits appropriators are putting on the Middle East. And how is the money going to be spent?" asked a congressional source, who expects the package to approach \$1 billion. Soon thereafter is the May 1999 expiration of the five-year interim autonomy period.

Another financial matter is the administration's request earlier this year for an additional \$25 million allocation for the Palestinians, beyond the \$75 million they now receive annually.

An AIPAC official said that strict Palestinian compliance with the Wye accord's security provisions and serious final-status talks are necessary to overcome "a lot of skepticism about the Palestinians" in Congress.

The House and Senate intelligence committees are also planning to hold hearings, perhaps in open session, on the CIA's planned role in monitoring the Wye security components.

Republicans were critical of the initial reports of the CIA's role and are pressing for reassurances that the agency is not breaking new ground. In an interview last week, a Republican member of the Senate panel, Jon Kyl, said the first such hearing might even occur in December, should the exiting Congress be called back into session to handle the next phase of the impeachment proceedings.

Finally, there is Jerusalem. Congress voted in 1995 to compel

the administration to move the US embassy to Jerusalem by May 1999, when final-status talks are to conclude. A waiver in the law allows the president to defer the move if he deems it a matter of national interest. The new Congress will be put to the test of whether it will challenge Clinton's certain waiver.

Congress's voice on all these matters is critical, said Kohr, because the administration will court Capitol Hill for its support.

• **SPEAKER(S)** of the house: Israel's greatest friend in all of Congress is also the one with the greatest clout, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. In recent weeks, Gingrich has come under attack within Republican ranks on a number of fronts: the capitulation to Clinton on the 1999 budget; the promotion of a campaign that attacked Clinton on the Lewinsky affair, which some Republicans reportedly found counter-productive; and the GOP's not only failing to pick up seats while Clinton was reeling politically, but actually losing some of its cushion in the House.

A post-election Republican retreat in mid-November will include challenges to Gingrich's leadership. No candidate is an obvious threat, though.

"That's one of the big unanswered questions now," said Matt Brooks, executive director of the Republican-aligned National Jewish Coalition, of the Gingrich question. "There's a lot of finger-pointing, blaming, going on now. History shows that Gingrich is a fighter. Right now, it's too early to tell, but I suspect he'll remain as Speaker."

Then there is House majority leader Richard Gephardt. His hold on the Democrats' reins is sure. The party's House gains present Gephardt, also a strong pro-Israel voice, with a dilemma. Does he run for president in 2000 against Gore, a strengthened fellow Democrat? Or does the now narrow 11-seat gap tease Gephardt into remaining in office, the better to catapult to his cherished goal of becoming Speaker of the House should the Democrats regain the chamber in 2000?

If Gephardt forfeits his House seat in 2000 to run for president, he sets off a succession battle. Minority whip David Bonior would be a likely candidate.

Bonior, from Michigan, is known as hostile to Israel.

• **Leadership shifts:** Because the Republicans maintained power in the House and Senate, by definition the committee chairmanships remain in GOP hands. Those faces are not expected to change.

• **GONE but not forgotten:** A handful of identifiably pro-Israel incumbents are not returning, most by their own design. The exceptions are D'Amato and congressman Jon Fox, both Republicans who were defeated for re-election.

Bill Paxton, a Republican, departed after 10 years. Paxton succeeded Jack Kemp, himself a favorite in pro-Israel circles, and for a while chaired an ad-hoc Israel caucus in the House.

Among Democrats, key retirees are Jane Harman, who relinquished her seat in an unsuccessful race for the California governor's mansion, and with it the key role she played on behalf of US-Israeli missile defense programs; and occur in December, should the exiting Congress be called back into session to handle the next phase of the impeachment proceedings.

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New York's Jews rally round 'one of our own'

Alfonse D'Amato is scheduled to come to Jerusalem in 10 days to collect an award in the Knesset, the prize, a "conscience and courage" award, honors him for his work on behalf of Holocaust survivors.

But it will be an event laced with more than a little irony. For not only was the Jewish vote at home instrumental in frustrating his bid for reelection to the US Senate, it appears that D'Amato's attempt to exploit his help to survivors actually cost him his seat. It went to Charles Schumer, a liberal Jewish Democrat from Brooklyn.

A conservative Republican from Long Island, D'Amato had spent 18 years in the Senate, rising to become chairman of the powerful Senate Banking Committee. It was a pulpit he - and the World Jewish Congress - used for two years to publicly coerce the Swiss banks to take a series of steps to identify and return Holocaust-era assets.

D'Amato was running neck-and-neck with Schumer for most of the campaign, and polls showed that D'Amato was maintaining about 35 percent of the Jewish vote.

But two weeks before Election Day, two things occurred: D'Amato called his opponent a "putz-head," and he apparently misplayed the Holocaust card.

Some 86% of the New York Jews surveyed knew of the "putz-head" remark within 24 hours, according to the pollsters, and within days D'Amato's support among Jews dropped by 16%.

In Tuesday's election, Schumer, 47, ended up with 75% of the Jewish vote, according to exit polls. It is widely believed that the Jewish vote swung the election for him. With 99% percent of the ballots counted, Schumer had 2.38 million votes, or 54% of the vote.

AFTER graduating from Harvard Law School, Schumer returned to Brooklyn's Flatbush neighborhood and jumped immediately into politics, never losing an election.

He won his first race for a seat in the New York State Assembly when he was 23. He was elected to Congress when he was 30, and served nine terms before the Senate campaign.

Schumer, whose father owned a pest-exterminating business, is the father of two daughters who attend New York City public schools. That is an endearing factor for the traditionally liberal New York Jewish community, which retains a sentimental affection for the public schools and the city university system, which quickly turned generations of Eastern European immigrants into proudly assimilated Americans.

Like D'Amato, Schumer has an excellent congressional record of championing Israel and supporting foreign aid. But D'Amato hammered away at Schumer's dismal attendance record in the last year, saying that the congressman had missed more votes in 12 months than D'Amato had missed in 12 years. And, D'Amato hinted, that included votes on Jewish issues.

Two weeks before the election, D'Amato held a news conference with Holocaust survivors, one of whom attacked Schumer for voting against American use of force against Saddam Hussein in 1991.

"I'm proud to have been there fighting every day, making a difference for justice for those who have been stonewalled," D'Amato said Sunday, standing with a dozen Holocaust survivors at a Holocaust commemorative wall in Manhattan.

"My opponent... does not care. He's not there on the battlefields because he was too busy attempting to [further] his own political career."

SCHUMER and his supporters came out swinging, accusing D'Amato of a "shameful" political use of the Holocaust. It was yet another personal issue to add to the dross, in a campaign that was devoid of much policy but dense with mud-slinging.

The liberal Washington Post columnist Richard Cohen, in a column called "Shameless D'Amato," attacked the senator a week before the election.

D'Amato, Cohen wrote in a scathing commentary, was griping that Schumer had missed a March 10 vote in which the House voted to make the Capitol rotunda available for a Holocaust commemoration. The measure passed 406-0, without Schumer - a "squeaker," Cohen wrote.

Cohen said he doubted that D'Amato "knows the difference between debating an issue and pandering.... I don't think he really appreciates to what extent he has trivialized the mass murder of European Jews - turned it into yet another campaign issue, like money for a local airport."

D'Amato's campaign had promoted his role in the \$1.25 billion Swiss banks settlement, including ads that showed Holocaust footage and praise by Estelle Sapir, who earlier this year reached an individ-

New York Senator Al D'Amato was a solid supporter of Israel and Jewish causes, but major gaffes cost him much of the Jewish vote - enough, it seems, to have swung the election in Charles Schumer's favor.

Marilyn Henry reports

ual settlement with Credit Suisse for her father's bank account.

This irritated Schumer, who lashed back.

"When Al D'Amato seeks to use the Holocaust and to say that I don't care about Jewish issues and the Holocaust, it's a shame, it's degrading to the political process, and it's diversionary. No one in Washington, no one in New York, no major Jewish leader doubts my commitment to the Holocaust and to Jewish issues."

New York City Controller Alan Hevesi added his voice to the fray, saying that "using the Holocaust for political purposes trivializes the Holocaust."

Not only that, Hevesi said, but it was disgraceful that it had been used "for political advantage against a Jewish leader who has been right on every issue that is pertinent to the Jewish community."

Some survivors rallied to D'Amato, taking out an ad in the New York Post on the eve of the election.

"Al D'Amato is good for the Jews and Israel; Chuck Schumer is good for Hillary [Clinton] and the PLO," said the ad.

It went on to quote the First Lady's remarks of last May, when she told the Israeli-Arab youth group Seeds of Peace, "I think that it will be in the long-term interest of the Middle East for Palestine to be a state."

The ad was paid for by "Citizens for D'Amato, ever thankful for his contribution to the Jewish people and, particularly, Holocaust survivors."

While it seemed clear that the Holocaust was an issue in the New York Senate campaign, the actual extent of its influence on Jewish voters was unknown, as none of the public opinion polls asked voters about it.

THE Holocaust and the putz-head remark deprived D'Amato of Jewish support, said commentators.

But he also was weakened by other public gaffes, including mimicking the voice of Lance Ito, the judge in the O.J. Simpson murder case, and singing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" in the Senate to complain about the so-called "pork projects," wasteful items that are added to the federal budget to benefit local special interests.

Moreover, there were substantive differences between the candidates on the emotional issues of abortion and gun control. These

issues, which had been dormant, also jumped to the forefront two weeks before the election, when Barnett Slepian, a Jewish doctor who performed abortions, was murdered in suburban Buffalo.

Although abortion is legal in the US, the procedure has become increasingly unavailable because doctors fear they will be targeted by anti-abortion extremists.

Schumer, like most Jews, is an advocate of abortion rights. He also was instrumental in the passage of the "Brady Bill," federal American gun-control legislation named after president Ronald Reagan's press secretary, James Brady, who was permanently disabled in an assassination attempt on Reagan.

D'Amato has voted against gun-control legislation, and he supports abortion only in limited circumstances. In New York, where candidates may run on the ticket of more than one party, D'Amato also was the Senate candidate on the Right to Life ticket.

Another factor working in Schumer's favor was that the Monica Lewinsky scandal did not emerge as an issue in the New York election, freeing President Bill Clinton, his wife, and Vice President Al Gore to come to New York to drum up support for Schumer.

They appeared to campaign with special zest, as if to pay D'Amato back for his aggressive efforts, as chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, to tar the First Family in the Whitewater real-estate scandal two years ago.

WHILE Schumer won the support of blacks, Hispanics and women, his support from Jewish voters appeared to be the key factor in winning the race.

There are 1.2 million registered Jewish voters in New York state. Although Jews are only 9 percent of the state's population, Jews can account for between 10 and 17 percent of the state-wide vote, depending on the turn out. And the overall voter turn-out on Tuesday, although less than 50%, was con-

sidered unusually brisk for an off-year, non-presidential election.

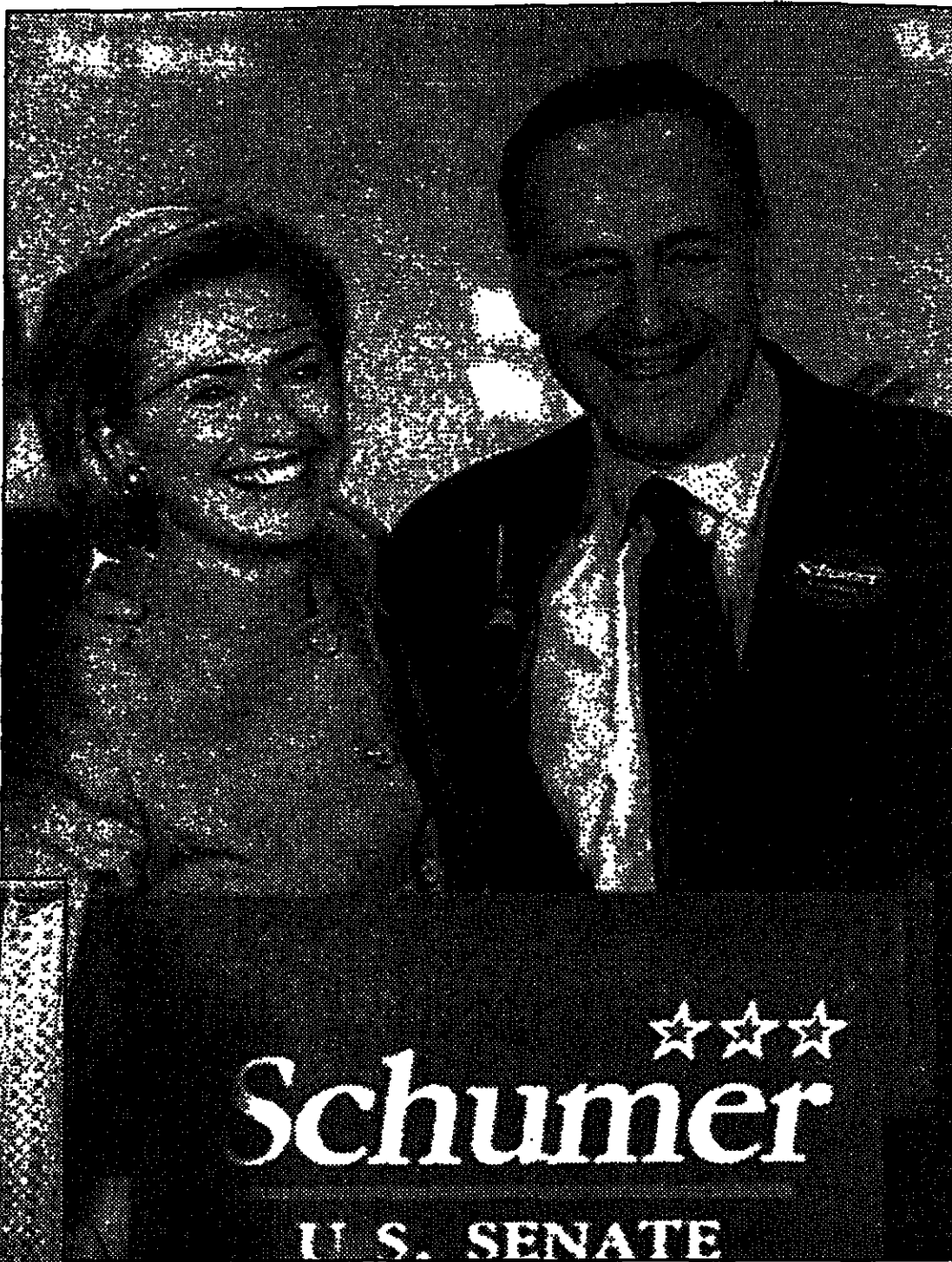
Although Jews are traditionally liberal, the Jewish vote in New York is always up for grabs, as the majority are not wedded to either the Republican or Democratic parties.

In 1996, Jews voted by a margin of 4 to 1 to reelect the Democratic president, Bill Clinton. Last year, Jewish voters in New York City voted by nearly the same margin - 3.5 to 1 - for the reelection of the Republican incumbent mayor, Rudolph Giuliani.

D'Amato himself had received 40% percent of the state-wide Jewish vote in 1992 when he defeated Bob Abrams, the Jewish state attorney-general.

Even on Tuesday, many Jews did not vote for the full Democratic slate. Some 38% voted to reelect the Republican governor, George Pataki, who won easily.

Indeed, the "Jewish vote," is not



(Above) Hillary Clinton helps drum up support for Schumer during an election rally; (left) D'Amato leaves the voting booth with his grandchildren. (Photos: AP)

balloons and banners celebrating "D'Amato D'Mensch."

But it was not enough to make a difference. While the haredi communities tend to vote as a bloc, Jews who identify themselves as

Orthodox comprise only 17% of the state's 1.2 million registered Jewish voters, analysts said.

D'Amato got a total of only 94,000 votes in Brooklyn, while

Schumer, the "local boy," won 284,000 votes in that borough. In Jerusalem, D'Amato will receive his award along with Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat, World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman and Hevesi, New York City's Democratic city controller.

While Hevesi may rue D'Amato's exploitation of the Holocaust in his campaign, Hevesi, who is Jewish, may soon have to tackle the same issue.

In conjunction with D'Amato's offensive against the Swiss banks, Hevesi led a months-long campaign by American state and local finance officers to impose sanctions on Swiss banks unless they agreed to a settlement, a move that gave him national publicity.

Hevesi often is mentioned as a candidate for New York's mayor in 2001. If he runs, he may have to gamble on whether public opinion is kinder when the Holocaust card is played by a Jew.

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The aim: A surge of 'Russian Power' in City Hall

Way past the point where a native Israeli audience would have shouted him off the stage for talking too long, Natan Sharansky, speaking in Russian, went on.

Addressing some 250 mostly elderly Russian immigrants in Holon on Tuesday night, the industry and trade minister didn't raise his voice once, explaining in a relaxed, reasonable way why they needed Yisrael Ba'aliya in City Hall as well as the Knesset.

A man who identified himself as an economist stood up to ask a question, and he was invited up to the podium. The man went on for almost 10 minutes, offering budget statistics, economic formulas and the like, and nobody interrupted him except, on occasion, to applaud respectfully.

"We went to a Likud meeting last week in Netanya [where Yisrael Ba'aliya and Likud have a pre-election coalition pact] and the Israelis there weren't interested in listening to speeches for very long — they were yelling and cheering, waving signs, music was playing. Our people couldn't believe what they were seeing," recalled a Sharansky aide.

As if to illustrate the cultural differences between Israelis and Russians, Holon Mayor Moshe Rom, a sabra, popped in on Sharansky and the crowd at the auditorium.

Rom, a Likudnik who also has a coalition agreement with Yisrael Ba'aliya, started off speaking "a bit of Yiddish," wrapped up his remarks with his one word of Russian — "spasiba," ("thank you") — and in between fired off one rousing sound bite after another.

Cultural differences are at the heart of why Yisrael Ba'aliya exists — why it ran for the Knesset in 1996, why it is running for the first time in the local elections on Tuesday.

After Shas, Yisrael Ba'aliya is the most successful exemplar of "identity politics" in Israel — a movement that attracts people on the basis of common ethnic background, and whose main purpose is advancing that group's interests. Identity politics worked so well with Russian voters in 1996 that there are now scores upon scores of Russian lists vying in the local elections against the "official"

Yisrael Ba'aliya's success in the Knesset elections moved the party to field lists in dozens of localities. After next week's elections Russian strength will be a force to contend with, Larry Derfner writes



Soviet war veterans in Israel: 'We made it so people can take Victory Day as a paid holiday from work,' Sharansky said. (Jon Bloom)

Yisrael Ba'aliya entries.

Labor and Likud have spun off immigrant lists to win Russian support for their mayoral candidates, and there are also numerous independent Russian lists. In Kiryat Yam, for instance, there are four or five Russian lists.

Sharansky warned his audience, "A lot of candidates are telling people that they are Yisrael Ba'aliya when they really aren't."

But the differences can be insurmountable.

"Everywhere you look there are disputes between one list that's

Yisrael Ba'aliya, another that's Yisrael Ba'aliya plus some other candidates, and another that's got candidates who used to be in Yisrael Ba'aliya," said Leonid Belotzerkovsky, editor-in-chief of the Novosty Russian-language newspaper group.

WHILE identity politics proved attractive to Russians in the last election, it didn't sweep them off their feet, as Israelis commonly think. In fact, Yisrael Ba'aliya got only a little more than a third of the Russian vote in the last

Knesset election.

Michael Brodsky, a spokesman for the party's Knesset faction, pointed out that there are about 1 million Russians — including the immigrants from the '70s — out of 6 million Israelis.

"The Russian vote is worth 20 Knesset seats, and Yisrael Ba'aliya got seven of them," he noted.

This time around, Belotzerkovsky figured the party will have a hard time getting even that large a proportion of the Russian vote.

"In the Knesset election Yisrael Ba'aliya had a virtual monopoly — there was no seriously competitive Russian list. Now there are a great number of them," he said.

Aside from these rivals, Yisrael Ba'aliya's main worry will be Likud. Both Likud and Labor are putting Russian candidates in "realistic" or "near-realistic" slots on

their lists in towns and cities that have a large immigrant population.

With this in mind, Sharansky tried to impress on his audience that only a top-to-bottom Russian immigrant party like his would put their interests at the top of its agenda.

"Because quality-of-life issues like education are decided mainly at the local level, it's even more important for Yisrael Ba'aliya to get into the municipalities than into the Knesset," he said.

BUT with all their success in Israel, what special requests do Russian immigrants have from City Hall?

"We have the same situation at the national level: The municipalities don't take care of their immigrants, and the immigrants know



Natan Sharansky: 'It's more important for Yisrael Ba'aliya to get into the municipalities than into the Knesset.' (Jon Bloom)

best what they need," said Brodsky.

What they need from the municipalities, he said, is low-cost public housing; cultural programs in Russian; remedial classes for immigrant pupils having difficulty with Hebrew; Russian speakers on school staffs so immigrant parents have someone they can talk with; and a crackdown on manpower companies that cheat their employees, many of whom are Russians.

In the Knesset, Sharansky said, Yisrael Ba'aliya had helped solve all sorts of problems for Russians that other lawmakers had no idea were problems — such as the wounded pride of Soviet World War II veterans in Israel.

"Israel has no tradition of World War II veterans, and I had to explain to Knesset members what prestige these men had in the Soviet Union, and how [World War II] Victory Day is a national holiday in Russia. We made it so that people can take Victory Day as a paid holiday from work," he said.

Likewise, Sharansky said, MKs weren't sympathetic at first to tales of Russian immigrants who'd lost money to a fraudulent Kiev finance company recommended by the Israeli Embassy in that city.

"The other Knesset members saw it as a case of Jewish crooks cheating Jewish crooks," he said. "But Yisrael Ba'aliya made the

case that the immigrants were entitled to government compensation because the embassy had referred them to the company, and the Knesset eventually agreed," Sharansky noted.

After Tuesday, the particular problems of Russians will undoubtedly be raised in local and city councils throughout the country.

Yisrael Ba'aliya is fielding candidates in 61 localities. Nationwide, Sharansky said, it could elect as many as 150 council members — including as many as 20 deputy mayors — in Haifa, Rishon LeZion, Beersheba, Netanya, Ashdod and many development towns.

Other party officials, though, said Sharansky was being overly optimistic, and that 120 council members and 15 deputy mayors was a more realistic goal.

WITH Yisrael Ba'aliya uncommitted to the Left or Right, and ideology being pretty irrelevant to local politics in any case, the party has made pre-election deals in different cities with Labor, Likud, Tsomet, Geshet, the National Religious Party and assorted independent lists.

The party is running only one candidate for council head, Gregory Lifschitz in Bnei Ayish, but is confident of Lifschitz's prospects because 69% of Bnei Ayish's residents are Russian immigrants.

It has no list in Jerusalem, although party members are high up on councilwoman Larissa Gershtein-Kuznetsov's immigrant list. The party is running in Tel Aviv, but with the city's relatively small Russian population, it expects to win only one city council seat. Asked if any substantive political disputes in the Russian immigrant community were being fought out in Tuesday's election, Belotzerkovsky said he couldn't think of any. The widespread violence of this local election campaign, however, had touched the Russian candidates, too.

"There have been fights, bloodshed, police complaints, that sort of thing," he said, over campaign poster-hanging rights and other power struggles.

Yisrael Ba'aliya's internal dispute between the dominant Sharansky camp and the minority faction, led by MK Yuri Stern, has been felt somewhat in the campaign, Belotzerkovsky added.

The friction is partly over Stern's challenge to Sharansky's Ben-Gurion-like hold on the party, and partly over policy — Stern wants Yisrael Ba'aliya to focus more inwardly on bread-and-butter Russian concerns, while Sharansky wants to give it a stronger voice in national and foreign affairs.

"But I think this dispute is much less consequential than it's made out to be," Belotzerkovsky maintained.

Staying away from divisive issues, Sharansky told his Holon audience: "When we entered the race for Knesset, our opponents accused us of trying to segregate immigrants from Israeli society, of putting them in a ghetto. But we succeeded in changing the concept of immigrant absorption in Israel."

"In the '50s the Israeli attitude toward immigrants was, 'Leave your absorption to us, we know what's good for you.' Now, for the first time, immigrants are saying, 'We want equality immediately. We want to sit at the decision-making table when our future is being decided.'"

"To a considerable extent, the doors to academe, the Histadrut and the political system have remained closed to immigrants. The only way to open these doors is through our own political party," Sharansky said.

His message, once again, was Russian power. The Russians, again, were listening.

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Helping the needy smile

As The Jerusalem Post Funds celebrate 50 years of giving, Greer Fay Cashman looks back on a big-hearted enterprise

A popular joke in Israel says that nothing is so permanent as a temporary measure. The Jerusalem Post Funds, now celebrating their 50th anniversary, prove the point.

Initially a one-time Hanukkah effort, made in 1948 to put smiles on the faces of immigrant children, the project became an annual campaign and then evolved into the Jerusalem Post Toy Fund.

Its founder, Helen Rossi, was a small woman with a big heart and an overload of determination.

Not only did the Toy Fund cheer up local children of different faiths, it also helped create a bridge between those children and Post readers around the world.

Readers not only sent money to buy toys, games and candies; they also sent gifts they had made and clothes they had collected. Some made a point of coming to Israel in the weeks before Hanukkah so that they

could personally hand Rossi a box of spinning tops, 100 watches for bar mitzva boys or cartons of chocolates.

Groups of middle-aged and elderly American women who had settled on kibbutzim to be with their children who lived there, used to spend the whole year making beautiful clothes for dolls they had purchased and would then donate to the fund. Bringing in their creations, they would imagine out loud the pleasure little girls would get from them.

As the country's welfare needs increased, the goodwill project expanded to meet them.

A second fund, The Forsake Me Not Fund for the elderly, was established in 1981, followed by the Tsofia Fund for youngsters reaching bar mitzva age. A short-lived fund was launched during Operation Peace for Galilee to help supply material and financial aid to the civilian population of Lebanon.

And to help the masses of more



Aided by Issachar Ivas, Rossi cuts the cake at a surprise 80th birthday party at the 'Post.'

(Rahamim Israeli)

recent new immigrants, the Welcome Home Fund was founded in 1990. It provides scholarships to help newcomers with their studies, so they can maximize

their potential and move more easily into Israeli society.

Rossi never saw herself as a professional do-gooder.

She joined *The Jerusalem Post* in 1939, working first in the advertising department. She then became the paper's fashion writer and women's page editor.

During World War Two she was seconded to the British Mandate Authorities and worked as publicity director for the food controller, advising the public on proper nutrition under wartime conditions. When the war ended, she returned to the paper.

After the Post's premises were blown up in February 1948, Post editor Gershon Agron sent the grateful-voiced Rossi to the US to try to drum up advertising. This was at a time when the British—who comprised a high percentage of the paper's readers—were leaving, and the country was engulfed by enemies on all sides.

For all that, Rossi managed to sell a surprising amount of advertising space. She even succeeded in getting home on May 14, just one day before the proclamation of the state by David Ben-Gurion.

This is just a small example of Rossi's refusal to be daunted by the seemingly impossible. It also explains the ongoing success of the Jerusalem Post Funds.

Rossi worked closely with welfare officials, and used funds donated and invested for varied projects for the young and the old. She also recruited anyone and everyone at the Post to help her out. No one dared refuse her.

Nat Sufirin, who worked in the advertising department in the paper's Tel Aviv office and later wrote a photography column, was recruited to go out with the toy dispatches and photograph the children's reactions. He maintained a relationship with the funds for over 30 years.

Issachar Ivas, the Post's maintenance manager, started out as a messenger boy in 1950 and promptly got roped in by Rossi.

He remembers staying up four nights in a row the week before Hanukkah working with other volunteers as they sorted toys, games and clothes into parcels, which were delivered in police trucks by volunteer police drivers to transit camps and children's hospitals all over the country.

Ivas used to go out with the trucks, and, later, when the Post started doing its own deliveries, he himself was the driver, with Rossi perched at his side.

When Ivas first saw the wide-eyed, often emaciated immigrant youngsters in the transit camps, he urged Rossi to give them food instead of toys. Her reply was that the authorities would see to it that the youngsters had food, but "we have to give them toys to make them happy."

Rossi did not discriminate between needy Jews and non-Jews, something Ivas could not understand. When he argued about it, Rossi invited him to accompany her to the convents of the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul, where nuns lovingly cared for children of all denominations.

In one such convent, specially equipped to care for young brain-damaged children, Ivas was amazed to find that some 90% of the toys were Jewish. They had been placed in the convent because no Jewish institution was willing to take them. He became particularly attached to these children, and apologized to Rossi for questioning her judgment.

Over the years, the fund expanded its efforts beyond Hanukkah presents. Now the Toy Fund also pays for children's medical treatments not covered by health funds, dental care, eyeglasses, hearing aids, clothing and shoes, and school supplies. It also purchases watches as bar and bat mitzva presents for children who have no one to give them gifts.

During the summer months, the

fund does its utmost to send as many needy children as possible to day camp.

In 1981, aged 75 and ailing, Rossi decided she needed an assistant, and hired this writer, who had written frequently for the fashion supplements Rossi published twice a year.

Within a few months Rossi was hospitalized, and later she resigned, supervising the funds in an emeritus capacity while I took over as funds director. Rossi was disappointed but understanding when, in 1983, I decided to return to full-time journalism.

The next director was Judie Oron, who, as an outcome of her own special interest in Ethiopian immigrants, founded the Homecoming Fund to aid those who arrived here in Operation Moses.

Though dedicated, Oron, an independent thinker, did not get along well with Rossi. Eighteen months later, she opted out.

Finding a replacement turned out to be easy. As secretary to editors Ari Rath and Erwin Frenkel, Beverlee Black, who had often been asked by Rossi to write receipts for the funds, was a natural choice. She had executive ability, secretarial experience, a good grasp of social needs—and worked well with Rossi.

Rossi's failing health and dwindling eyesight meant that her visits to the office became increasingly infrequent. Black ran the funds on the pattern set by Rossi until Rossi's death at 83 in April 1990.

Black began to establish her own agenda. Instead of relying on the reports of social workers, she went out into the field to see for herself whether applications for assistance were deserving. She made friends in dozens of institutions and community centers across the country, and maintained an abiding interest in them and in projects which had benefited from the funds.

She also initiated an annual Pessah arts and crafts fair, which involved scores of artists and artisans with the funds, provided families from all over the country with a festive day of fun and added a new tradition to the funds' operations.

Black had eagerly been planning the 50th anniversary of the Jerusalem Post Funds when she was diagnosed earlier this year with cancer. She died last month.

Illie Feldman, the funds' fifth director, is a veteran *Jerusalem Post* staffer who takes up her position on the eve of the second half-century of a noble partnership between this publication and its readers.

It would be wonderful if all social-welfare institutions could afford to buy the equipment they need and implement the projects they set up. But they can't. They need help.

It would be wonderful if the elderly, in the twilight of their lives, were all financially secure. But they're not. They also need help.

It would be wonderful if children born to economically disadvantaged families did not have to be institutionalized for their own protection. But they do, and in addition to the care provided by staff and volunteers at their facilities, they still need help.

As long as there are needs to be met, the Jerusalem Post Funds will be there. A gala dinner, part of a major 50th anniversary fund-raising effort in preparation for this Hanukkah's Toy Fund distribution is to take place on Tuesday, November 17, at the Bible Lands Museum, Jerusalem. Tax-deductible tickets may be purchased by phoning (02) 537-6528.

Those attending the dinner will be honoring the memories of Helen Rossi and Beverlee Black. They will also be helping a lot of disadvantaged children smile.

Dry Bones



Grapevine

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

It was, literally, a revolving-door visit when Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a lightning appearance last week at the reception hosted by Turkish Ambassador Barlas Omer and his wife, Zeynep, to mark the 75th anniversary of the proclamation of the Turkish Republic. It was the first time that an Israeli prime minister was present at a national-day reception at the residence of the head of the Turkish diplomatic mission. While Netanyahu accepts invitations to national-day events hosted by the American and Egyptian ambassadors, he does

not attend those of other heads of missions—which is just as well because the heavy security would be uncomfortable for the hosts and other guests. Although Netanyahu didn't stay, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon, who was acting president in the absence of President Ezer Weizman, felt it his duty to spend the best part of an hour mingling with the huge crowd of invitees. Also present were Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and former prime minister Shimon Peres.

Other than members of the protocol department, it is doubtful that anyone at the Foreign Ministry attends as many diplomatic receptions as Deputy Director-General Colette Avital, who heads the European desk. Vivacious as always, Avital was part of the huge crowd that congregated on the lawns of the sprawling estate. Regulars estimated that there were at least twice as many guests this year as on previous anniversaries. Fortunately the grounds of the ambassador's residence in Herzliya Pituah are almost as spacious as a medium-sized public park, so guests who wanted to escape the crush could explore the tropical garden.

There were so many people milling through the crowd that it was almost impossible to keep track of anyone. Sighted in the throng were Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur, Egyptian Ambassador Mohamed Bassiouny and the Jewish National Fund's local director of development, Turkish-born David Angel, who brought—what else?—a certificate for 75 trees.

WHILE the nation united this week in ceremonies commemorating not only the death but the life of Yitzhak Rabin, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau reminded guests attending the 10th annual gala banquet of Emunah that the 11th day of

the anniversary of Rabin's assassination, marked the anniversary of the death of Rachel the Matriarch. Looking out at his large, mainly foreign-born audience seated in the ballroom of the Laromne Hotel, Jerusalem, Lau observed that they represented the promise made by God to Rachel that her children would return to their borders. "Few of us were born here," he observed. The dinner was held to honor Naomi Cohn, president of

Emunah in Basel, the city in which Herzl first proclaimed the creation of the Jewish State. The choice of the Jerusalem-born Cohn as an honoree in the 50th anniversary year of the state was entirely appropriate, since her late father, Chaim Moshe Shapira, one of the great leaders of Hapoel Hamizrachi, was one of the signatories to the Declaration of Independence and a minister in Israel's first and several subsequent governments. He was also one of the architects of the national unity government on the eve of the Six Day War.

Cohn was honored earlier this year by the Basel Jewish community, at an Israel Independence Day celebration held at the casino which was the venue of the first Zionist Congress. Several of her friends came specially from Basel to Jerusalem to honor her again in the city of her birth. Among them were Rabbani Dorai Levinger, wife of Basel's Chief Rabbi Israel Levinger, Jacqueline and

Jacques Bloch, Ruth Dreyfuss and Madeleine Lande-Rueff. Of the many tributes voiced, none were as eloquent as that of Cohn's husband, renowned filmmaker Arthur Cohn. He noted that she had given up a promising medical career to devote herself to their three children Nurith, Marcus and Mordechai.

HER father was the famous cantor Yossele Rosenblatt, but 94-year-old Netti Reiss would rather hit a ball than a high note. In fact, the sprightly great-grandmother has played tennis every day of her life—except Shabbat and Jewish holy days—since she was 17, and has many cups and medals to prove her prowess. When she immigrated from Florida to Ra'anana last year, one of the first things she did was call the municipality to check out the city's tennis courts. Quickly finding her place in the community and endeavoring herself to the city's tennis players, she had a not altogether surprising request when asked what she wanted for her 94th birthday: a game of tennis with mayor Zeev Bielski and an honorary membership at the new 10-court Municipal Tennis Center. Needless to say, she got her wish on both counts.

WHEN Ninette Monod, wife of the Swiss ambassador, hosted a reception in honor of Jordanian jewelry designer Nadia Dajani, the guests did not initially realize exactly what was going on. Monod's large mahogany dining table was set with silver plates and wine glasses—but instead of food being served there were items of jewelry on the plates, and the wine goblets were mini-showcases for earrings. Admirers of the original, eye-catching display included Alexandra Barbasa, wife of the Portuguese ambassador, and Ruth Dayan, who, when she ran Maskit, gave great encouragement to artists and artisans from many countries. Dayan is now promoting Beduin arts and crafts.



Avital: diplomatic whirl (David Karp)



In her element: Beverlee Black delights new immigrant children in Jerusalem with games and toys.

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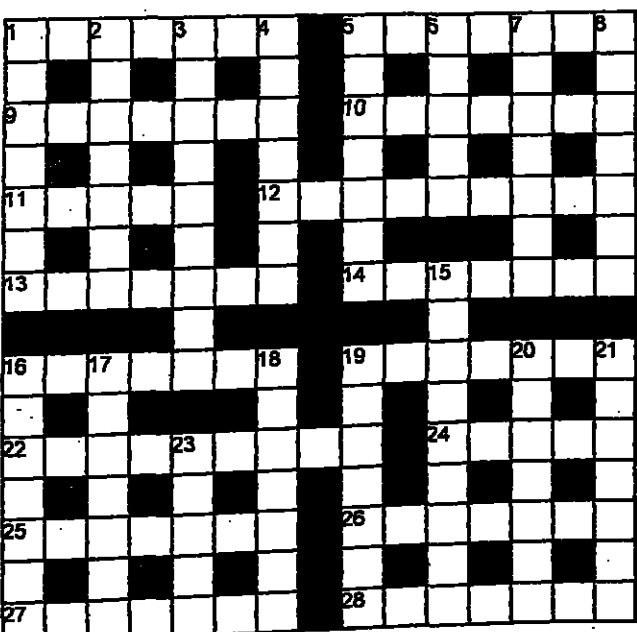
ACROSS

- 1 Outrage results when lad returns to examine data (7)
- 5 Moderate parties offer parity for all (4,3)
- 9 New plan to build revolutionary catamaran? (7)
- 10 Pens presented by each Welsh city (7)
- 11 She fared badly (5)
- 12 Ordered to respect what mustn't be divulged (3,6)
- 13 Reject the young Persophone? (7)
- 14 Ruth and Ned made a terrible noise (7)
- 16 Detailed to appear in court again (7)
- 19 Check made about journalists (7)
- 22 Boycott by postal service may constitute it (9)

- 24 Article impounded by rebel recruit (5)
- 25 Anger caused by odour of sanctity (7)
- 26 Dilapidated manse is in need of repair (2,1,4)
- 27 Criminal conclusion fills girls with depression (7)
- 28 Useless information about blood group results in resentment (7)

DOWN

- 1 Bombarded by airmen in set formation by day (7)
- 2 Pay attention to speech (7)
- 3 Writer takes a nip of whisky at first (9)



- 4 Stories about toddler? That's an understatement (7)
- 5 Finicky fellow causes stir over cannabitis (7)
- 6 Journalist that is about to make an impression (5)
- 7 Wanted to reside elsewhere (7)
- 8 Society milliner gets thoroughly upset (7)
- 15 Superior worker has the advantage (5,4)
- 16 Ridiculing a knitter's work (7)
- 17 Risk getting left behind in church (7)
- 18 Draughtsmen's bloomers (7)
- 19 Terribly ill, dear, but now recovered (7)
- 20 Malevolent look upset animated onlooker (4,3)
- 21 Hat? Leave it, lad! (7)
- 23 Mr Livingstone may do Oriental sport (5)

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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Paintstaking (8)
- 5 Passable (4)
- 8 Purple gemstone (8)
- 9 Foam on surface of liquid (4)
- 11 Feet (11)
- 14 Guided (3)
- 16 Parasitic insect (5)
- 17 Draw (3)
- 18 Book-lover (11)
- 21 Golf club (4)
- 22 Repartee (8)
- 24 Inquisitive (4)
- 25 Worshipped (8)

DOWN

- 1 Defrost (4)
- 2 Greek 'o' (5)
- 3 Of the eye (10)
- 4 Domestic fuel (3)
- 6 Archaic (7)
- 7 Abated (8)
- 10 Advantageous (10)
- 12 Furnish (5)
- 13 Of low birth (8)
- 15 Doubtful (7)
- 19 Tests (5)
- 20 Deceased (4)
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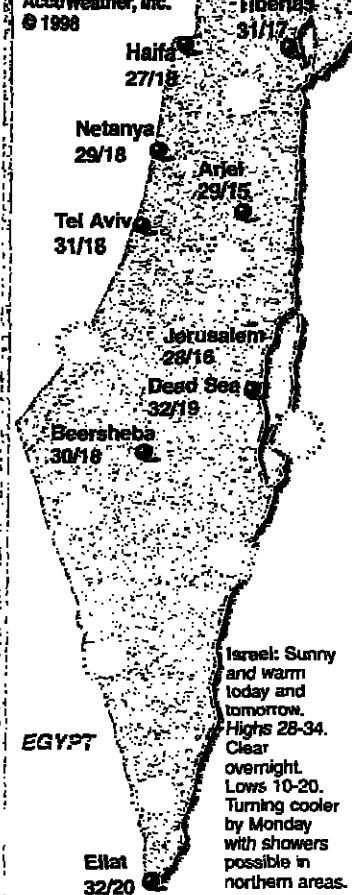
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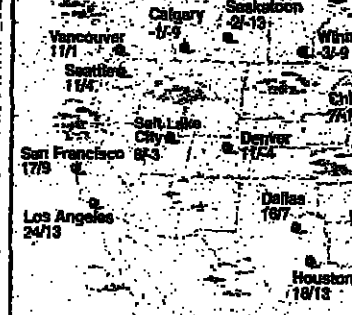


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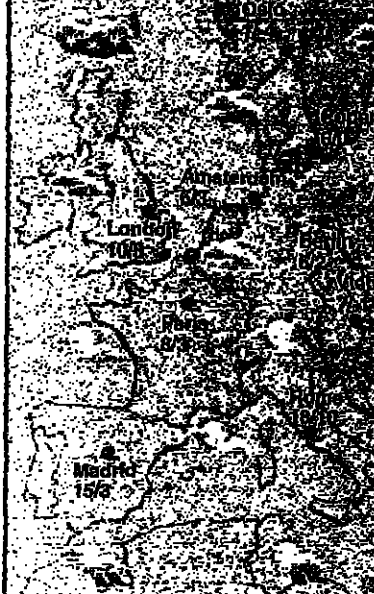
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North America Weather Today



EUROPE WEATHER TODAY

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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City	Today		Saturday		
	High C/F	Low/W C/F	High C/F	Low/W C/F	
Ariel	25/81	15/59	31/88	17/63	
BeerSheva	30/86	18/64	32/89	18/64	
Dead Sea	32/89	19/65	34/93	21/70	
Eilat	32/89	20/68	34/93	22/71	
Haifa	27/81	16/61	29/84	20/68	
Jerusalem	26/78	16/61	29/82	18/63	
Katznin	28/84	15/50	29/84	12/53	
Neshera	29/84	18/64	31/88	20/68	
Nitzan	30/82	16/62	31/88	20/68	
Tiberias	31/88	17/62	33/91	19/65	
Weather (W) is sunny, pe-petty cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers.					

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Nov 11

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Frankfurt

Geneva

Madrid

Munich

Nuremberg

Stuttgart

Vienna

Nov 11

Nov 19

Nov 27

Dec 3

City

Anchorage

Beijing

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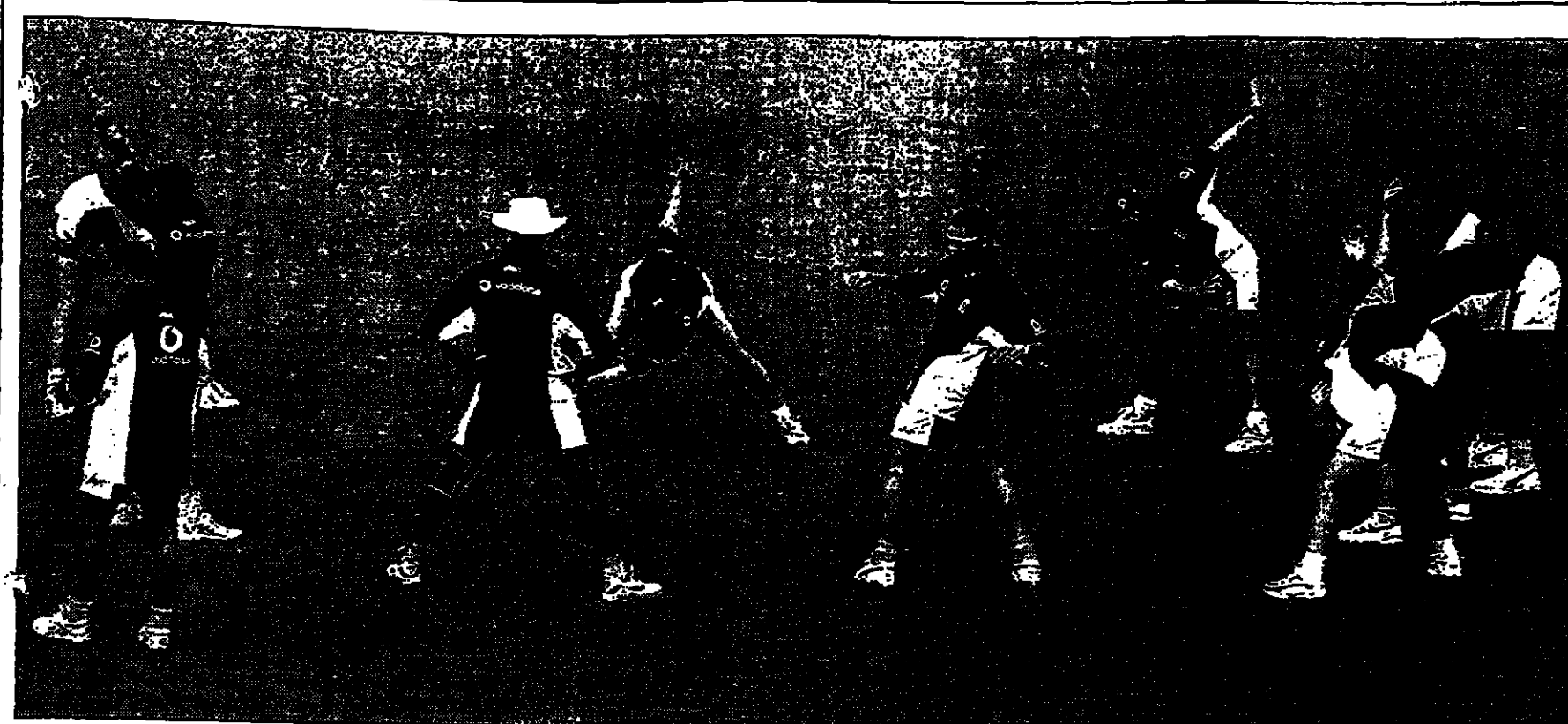
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STRETCHING IT—The England team go through stretching exercises at the Adelaide Oval yesterday. England will face South Australia in a four-day match beginning tomorrow.

Border: Warne likely to miss three Tests

SYDNEY (AP) — Former Australian cricket captain and current selector Allan Border says star spinner Shane Warne may be left out of the opening three Ashes Tests against England for his own good.

Border doused Warne's optimism that he might recover from a shoulder injury in time to play in the opening Test in Brisbane from November 20.

"Given an incident-free comeback to first class cricket and a spotless record from the special-

ists, the best-case scenario is for Warne to return in the third test in Adelaide on December 15," Border said. "But, in my view, the more realistic date is the fourth Test in Melbourne (on December 26)."

Warne bowled for the first time since surgery in April during a district cricket match last weekend. He got a wicket with his third ball and finished with 1-13 from six overs.

He had hoped to make Victoria's team for the Sheffield

Shield match being played against New South Wales in Melbourne but was left out and has one more Shield chance before the first Test.

"Only last week there were headlines about Shane bowling 30 balls in the nets," Border said. "You simply cannot go from bowling 30 balls at moderate intensity to delivering 80 Test match overs at maximum intensity within three weeks."

Border played a record 156 Test matches and is the highest

run-scorer in Test cricket. He said Australia had begun to adopt a tougher stance on injured players.

"We want him for five to seven years," said Border. "One extra month on the sidelines is not a big price to pay." Warne has dominated England since his first ball in Ashes conflict, a leg-spinner which knocked over Mike Gatting's off stump.

England team management made a special effort to counter Warne on this tour, handing out

an extensive document that detailed the art of leg-spin. The tourists also brought former Australian Test bowler Peter Philpott on tour as their spin doctor and shortly after arrival, the entire squad had a clinic where they were shown how to bowl like Warne.

Australia unveiled another promising leg-spinner in Pakistan last month when Stuart MacGill took nine wickets in Australia's decisive first Test victory in Rawalpindi.

Greeks stifle Maccabi TA

By BRIAN FREEMAN

Maccabi Tel Aviv made it much tougher on Panathinaikos this time around, but fell short 67-58 in battling the undefeated Greeks down to the wire in Athens last night.

After the 84-62 humiliation Panathinaikos handed the Israelis at Yad Eliahu in the EuroLeague opener in September, Greek fans must have had visions of another romp with their green machine on its home court.

But Maccabi kept the game close throughout the night and was behind only 60-58 until Nikolaos Economou hit a three-pointer with just 40 seconds remaining to break a three-minute scoring drought for both sides down the stretch.

Economou, who once again played well against Maccabi, led all scorers with 19 points in leading the well-equipped Greeks to victory.

So far this season in the EuroLeague, Economou is averaging 20.5 points against Tel Aviv and only 5.7 points against the other teams.

He also netted 35 in Panathinaikos' first-ever win at Yad Eliahu three seasons ago.

Panathinaikos improves its record to 6-0 with the win, while Maccabi breaks a two-game winning streak and falls to 2-4.

The loss, combined with Efes Pilsen's 82-74 victory over Manresa, means that it will be very unlikely that Maccabi can finish the first group in second place.

Although after 10 games, the top three teams are placed together to form a new group with the bottom three clubs in Group A, it will be very difficult for the third-placed club to surpass one of the top two in the remaining six games, because the top teams don't play each other again.

two more times in its last three games and Maccabi win all its games to take over second place.

Last night Maccabi looked like the Maccabi of recent years — good enough to win against any team on any given night but falling just short against the elite clubs.

Tel Aviv succeeded in controlling the wretched Greek offense, which came into the contest averaging 76.2 points a game, but was unable to mount any sort of inside game against the Panathinaikos big men.

Although Victor Alexander adapted to hit several short jumpers, Maccabi could not find its long range, which proved to be the difference in the match.

Despite numerous attempts, especially down the stretch when the score was stuck at 60-58, the Israelis made only two three-pointers all night, while the Greeks connected on seven.

Oded Katash succeeded in providing another weapon to Maccabi's game which was not available in the loss at home to Panathinaikos.

But the Israelis squandered several fast-break opportunities when they were not able to complete the play, which came back to haunt the team down the stretch.

For Maccabi, Doron Sheffer and Katash both had 16, Willie Alexander 14 and Gur Shelef, Nadav Henefeld and Constantin Popa 4 each.

For Panathinaikos, Economou had 19, Dejan Bodiroga 16 (including four free-throws in the last half-minute to seal the game), Dino Radja 12, Michael Koch 11, Ferdinando Gentile 6, Fragiskos 2, and Patrick Burke 1.

In Group A, Zalgiris Kaunas 64, Fenerbahce Istanbul 59; Pau-Orthez 81, Vitoria 71. In Group C, Olympiakos 55, Kinder Bologna 50 and Ulker 85, Zadar 73. In Group D, Olimpia Ljubljana 66, Teanysystem Bologna 63; Villeurbanne 92, Samara 69.

EuroLeague Group B				
	P	W	L	Pts.
Panathinaikos	6	6	0	12
Euro Fila	6	5	1	11
Manresa	6	3	3	9
Maccabi TA	6	2	4	8
Glasgow Rangers	5	1	4	6
Real Sociedad	5	0	5	5

Windies' crisis deepens following Lara sacking

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — The crisis over West Indies' first official Test tour of South Africa deepened yesterday as the remaining seven players in their depleted squad planned to leave Johannesburg.

The future of the tour was put in jeopardy after West Indies captain Brian Lara and vice-captain Carl Hooper were sacked and withdrawn from the team for failing to join the tour over a pay dispute.

Only seven of the 16-strong West Indian squad arrived in South Africa with man-

ager Clive Lloyd on Wednesday, the other nine players, including Lara and Hooper, flying to London from their previous one-day assignment in Dhaka.

Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), yesterday confirmed the seven members of the tour party who had traveled to Johannesburg were planning to leave the country.

"I can't lie to anybody. The situation is very serious and there has been a move by the players to return home tonight,"

Bacher said before speaking with the West Indian Cricket Board (WICB) in Antigua.

"The players and the WICB have reached an impasse," Bacher added.

Earlier, Bacher and Lloyd had held a two-hour meeting at Lloyd's Johannesburg hotel, but neither would give details of their talks.

The players who refused to travel to South Africa from the Willis International Cup tournament in Dhaka are unhappy about playing fees and other conditions for the five-Test tour, West Indies' first

South Africa since apartheid ended.

Lara and Hooper have subsequently been asked to attend a WICB disciplinary inquiry in Antigua on November 13.

Fines were imposed on the seven other players who failed to fly to Johannesburg, but the WICB said on Wednesday it would "be making every effort to ensure that the tour proceeds smoothly."

West Indies are scheduled to start their South African itinerary against an Invitation XI near Johannesburg next Tuesday.

Flutie slated as Bills No. 1 quarterback



ORCHARD PARK (AP) — After a month as the official Buffalo savior, Doug Flutie now has a higher calling — starting quarterback for the Bills.

"I know the question, the answer is Doug Flutie," Bills coach Wade Phillips said. "To me, it's an easy decision." Phillips added that Rob Johnson, injured during Flutie's phenomenal resurgence, is now the No. 2 quarterback.

"Rob will be working his way back as the backup and that's where we are," Phillips said Wednesday.

Johnson added that he understood the decision to go with Flutie. "Doug has his own certal. He's on the cover of Sports Illustrated," Johnson said.

Flutie agreed he lives a charmed life. "I'm the type of guy that hooks a 7-iron from 150 yards out and hits a tree and rolls back on the green," Flutie said. "I've had my share of

luck, but you also make your own luck. I've worked hard." Ironically, Flutie said his decision to play for the Bills was the only time he has joined a team "and not been referred to as a savior."

Flutie has led the Bills to four wins. His performance, coupled with Johnson's absence, were reasons enough to promote Flutie, Phillips said.

Flutie, the top-rated passer in the AFC and second in the league behind Minnesota's Randall Cunningham, has played since Johnson sustained a rib injury against the Colts on October 11.

Dealing with Deion
Doug Colman is on his way to leading the Giants in special-teams tackles for the third consecutive season. But to most of America he is familiar only as one of a half-dozen players helplessly diving at Deion Sanders on replays of a 59-yard punt return for a touchdown on September 21.

Sanders later added a 55-yard reception and a 71-yard interception return in the Cowboys' 31-7 victory. The Giants have had to wait seven weeks for another shot at

Prime Time. They will get it Sunday, with the season on the line.

Colman and his friends say they are ready — armed with respect, not fear.

"If you have guys running down the field thinking, 'Oh, my God, that's Deion Sanders,' and are second-guessing themselves, Deion already has the best of them," Colman said. "You have to run down the field and have the excitement of, 'Hey, I have a chance to tackle Deion Sanders.' That's what always kind of brings me through. Of course, I missed him twice last time I played him."

Dealing with Sanders is the ultimate team effort, because it involves the offense, defense and special teams. At age 31, Sanders is as quick, versatile and explosive as ever. His 17 career returns for touchdowns (three kickoffs, five punts, eight interceptions, one fumble) are an NFL record. "He's got an aura about him," Giants Coach Jim Fassel said.

Said Cowboys QB Troy Aikman: "I don't know if I have ever been around an athlete that is as gifted as he is."



TOP BILLING — Doug Flutie warms up for Bills. (Reuters)

Best defense meets top attack

Hapoel Haifa take on Hapoel Petah Tikva in National League soccer action

By OFI LEWIS

It's the match of the season round 1 p.m. tomorrow. However, just how many more "matches of the season" there will be in the 1998-99 league remains to be seen.

In the meantime, Hapoel Haifa and Hapoel Petah Tikva are the two clubs sharing the limelight. The league's best defense against the league's best attack — in that order. Haifa have conceded only one goal while scoring 12. Petah Tikva have netted 19, but their defensive record so far is pretty stingy, having let in only four goals.

There would appear to be little to choose from between the two sides. Haifa have probably the best foreigner in the country in Croatian Giovanni Rosso, the midfielder who can cut through a defense like a hot knife through butter. Apart from his playmaking, he never misses an opportunity to

score, so Petah Tikva had better watch their back line.

For their part, Haifa have to beware of Motti Kakkon, the league's highest scorer who has already notched 10 goals this season and is said to be a much-sought-after commodity in the British Isles with Glasgow Rangers and Kevin Keegan's Fulham showing an interest.

Apart from the two rivals, both teams have impressive lineups and many dangerous players who threaten to turn this into a quality clash of talent.

Betar Jerusalem, six points adrift of the leaders in third place, look as if they are returning to form following their 3-1 away win over Maccabi Herzliya last week. Tomorrow's clash should see Betar keep up the pace as they host Ironi Rishon LeZion at Teddy Stadium.

This weekend's National League fixtures (all matches tomorrow unless stated): Bnei Yehuda v.

Hapoel Haifa				
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Rugby union appoint pro refs

LONDON (Reuters) — England's Rugby Football Union (RFU) yesterday announced the appointment of professional referees for the first time in the sport in the northern hemisphere.

The RFU had said last week it planned to appoint full-time referees "to strengthen the expertise of officials throughout the game."

Maccabi Haifa's Cup runneth over

5-3 aggregate win earns historic berth in Cup Winners' Cup Final 8



OUT OF HARM'S WAY—Maccabi Haifa's Shuki Nagar (c) clears the ball from the goal area in second-half action against SV Ried.

By DEREK FATTAL

Maccabi Haifa made history last night at Kiryat Eliezer. With their thrilling 4-1 victory — and 5-3 aggregate win — over Austria's SV Ried in the second round, return leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup bout before 18,000 hysterical fans, the northerners became the first-ever Israeli club to reach the last eight of a major European club competition.

The Maccabi faithful filled the stadium with the overflow watching through binoculars from a nearby mountain side. Haifa's Alon Mizrahi opened the scoring in the 32nd minute — his 15th in Europe — following a scintillating 70 meter run from defense from Yossi Benayoun. Adoram Kessei supplied the second, heading in

from a corner 17 minutes into the second half.

Ried came back to level on aggregate in the 69th through a long-range shot by Michael Anicic. Somehow the men in green managed to weather a brief but fierce period of Austrian pressure before Benayoun restored Haifa's lead in the 73rd minute with a piece of deadly play in the box.

Substitute Ibrahim Duro supplied the coup de grace in injury time, slamming from close range with the Austrians trapped upfield. The final scoreline belied the tough battle the Haifaite faced until the dying seconds of a stirring and controversial cup tie, in which three players received red cards.

Ophir Kopel was the first victim to encounter the wrath of Croatian referee Zelko Ciric following a second booking in just the ninth minute. Shrugging off this early setback, the Haifaite demonstrated that they had regained their composure when Yaniv Katon powered forward to just miss the base of the Austrians' right post in the 13th minute.

Five minutes later the match tumbled into a 10-against-10 affair after Gunter Steininger received his marching orders for bringing Mizrahi down from behind.

Ried's economical passing play was marshaled by Serbian veteran Goran Stanislavjevic who was the author of several spine-chilling long-range free kicks that had Haifa goalkeeper Nir Davidovich in all sorts of trouble. However in the penalty area — where it mattered — Ried's forwards Gerald Strafer and Maciej Silwowski

had little effect on the night.

On the other hand, Haifa's young princes — Benayoun and Katon added inspiration to the ceaseless effort generated by Adoram Kessei and Rodovan Hromatko.

Benayoun's critical 73rd-minute goal came at precisely the right moment to cement Haifa's position and demoralize the Austrians. Ried subsequently self-destructed when substitute Faruk Hujdurovic struck a ball boy in frustration in injury time and received the obligatory red card. A swiftly-taken throw-in allowed Haifa to catch the Austrians by surprise, leaving Shuki Nagar a simple pass across to Duro to make it four for Haifa.

Ried manager Klaus Rottinger saw no need to excuse the defeat. "It was an excellent game, the players battled really hard, but Haifa caught us on the break and were the better side," he said. Haifa defender Alon Harazi was on cloud nine when interviewed in the changing room. "We cannot grasp just yet tonight's achievement."

Coach Dusan Ohnir was already looking ahead to the next match in the competition. "In the first half, we played a perfect game. The punishment that Kopel received was harsh. I believe that playing like we played in the first half, and like we played against PSG [Paris Saint Germain], we can beat any opponent in the next round."

Following the game, Maccabi rosters started to party, one that has every indication of lasting until the wee small hours of this morning.

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